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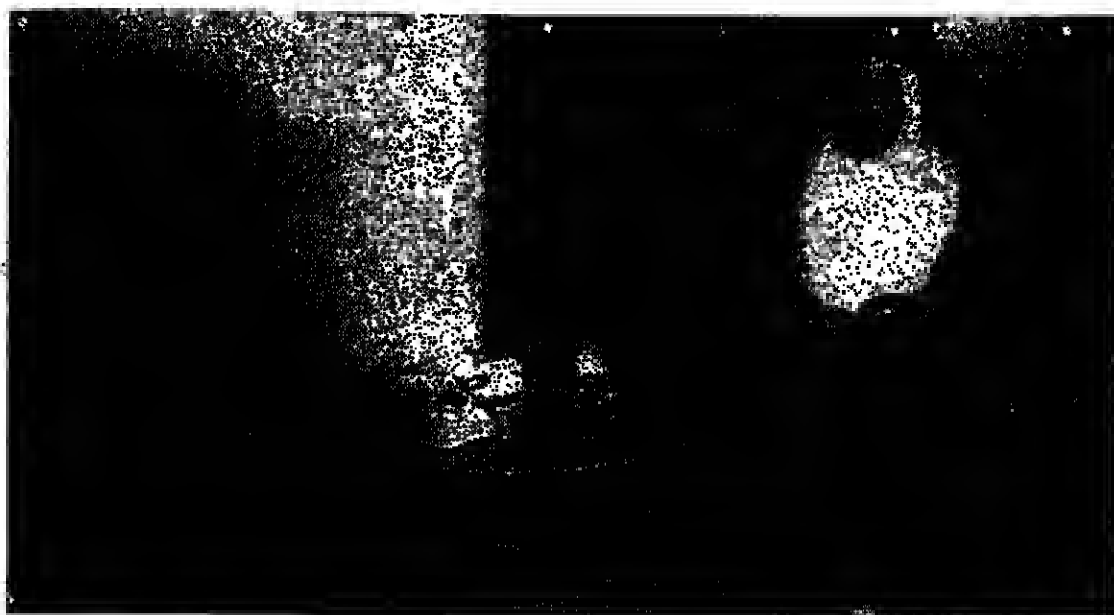
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North Yemeni president arrives on official visit



YEMENI LEADER: King Khaled receives North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh who arrived in Riyadh Saturday on an official visit.

RIYADH, May 12 (SPA) — North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, who arrived here on an official visit Saturday, will have talks with Saudi leaders on Saudi-Yemeni economic relations and developments in the Middle East, SPA reported.

It quoted the president as saying his visit came within the framework of continued consultations between two brotherly countries.

The agency did not elaborate, but it is expected that President Saleh will also brief Saudi leaders on the proposed union between his country and South Yemen.

Saleh was received on arrival by King Khaled, Prince Abdullah,

second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, Prince Sattam, deputy governor of Riyadh, and Sheikh Abdullah Al-Naeem, — mayor of the capital.

President Saleh is accompanied by Mujabed Abu Shawarab, deputy premier for internal affairs, Ali Luf Al-Thawri, — minister of development, and chairman of the planning commission, Ahmad Khatib, minister of social affairs labor and youth welfare, Ahmed Abd Rabbo, minister of finance and several senior officials.

Friday night President Saleh received a message from his South

Yemeni counterpart Abdul-Fattah Ismail, delivered to him by South Yemeni Minister of Planning Abdul Aziz Abdulwali.

A government source said the message dealt with the activities of the joint committees formed after the two presidents met in Kuwait last March, to study steps that should be adopted to achieve unity between their two countries.

Later in the evening President Saleh held talks with King Khaled on bilateral relations and ways of consolidating them. The talks were attended on the Saudi side by Prince Abdullah, and Prince Sultan and on the Yemeni side by members of the president's delegation.

Fahd, Giscard hold talks in Paris today

PARIS, May 12 (Agencies) — Crown Prince Fahd arrived here Saturday on a four-day official visit to France for talks with senior French officials.

He was received here by Defense Minister Yvon Bourges, who was acting for President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, and a number of French officials.

Prince Fahd will begin talks Sunday with Giscard and French Premier Raymond Barre.

Accompanying the prince Saturday was Prince Salman, governor of Riyadh, and the Saudi Ambassador to France, Sheikh Jamil Hujailan. Foreign Minister Prince Saud is due to join the delegation Sunday.

Later during the visit, Prince Fahd is due to be guest of honor at a luncheon to be hosted by President Giscard.

After the party's arrival Saturday, Prince Fahd and Prince Salman attended a banquet at the Saudi Embassy here given by Sheikh Hujailan.

In Marbella, where the crown prince has been for the last two



Crown Prince Fahd

months while undergoing treatment for his back, the mayor announced Friday that Prince Fahd has donated \$2 million to build 100 houses for the poor.

The money was given Thursday when the prince lunched with King Juan Carlos of Spain at the Zarzuela Palace outside Madrid.

Prince Fahd has also offered to build a Hispano-Islamic cultural center and mosque for Arab tourists, Marbella Mayor Alfonso Cana said.

Three more executed by Iranian revolution

TEHRAN, May 12 (AP) — Iranian state radio Saturday reported three more executions by the nation's revolutionary courts, raising to 204 the number of people executed since the Feb. 11 revolution.

The radio said army officer Muhammad Hussein Zareh was executed at dawn Saturday in the city of Isfahan, 325 km. south of Tehran, on charges of killing one person in anti-Shah rioting before the revolution.

It also reported two executions Friday in the northern city of Gorgan. The victims were state police corporals Mustapha Ghorabi and Hussein Maarufi, accused of killing a number of anti-Shah protesters.

Another army officer was sentenced to one year in jail in Isfahan on charges of inciting soldiers to fight against revolutionaries.

Meanwhile, Iran's leadership Saturday effectively silenced the left-wing daily newspaper "Ayandegan" with a nation-wide radio broadcast branding it as anti-revolutionary and Zionist-controlled.

"Ayandegan" sources said the mass circulation daily was suspending publication following the broadcast, the latest move by the Islamic authorities against the secular, left-leaning press.

The sources reported attacks on a number of the newspaper's provincial offices and said Islamic militiamen had been posted around its Tehran headquarters to prevent violence there.

Street vendors refused to handle Saturday's one-page special edition after attacks earlier in the day on newspaper stands carrying the daily.

The campaign against "Ayandegan" was launched last Thursday when unofficial head of state, Ayatollah Khomeini, announced he would no longer read it because it opposed the interests of Muslims.

"Ayandegan" was understood to have angered Iran's leaders with its reporting on the shadowy Forghan guerrilla group, which has claimed responsibility for two political assassinations since the February revolution.

The leadership has tried to link the killings with the left, but this

week "Ayandegan" said Ayatollah Khomeini had told the French newspaper "Le Monde" that leftists were not to blame.

The daily has also upset Iran's leaders by portraying Forghan as a fundamentalist Muslim group.

An information ministry statement Saturday echoed Khomeini's remarks and advised the public to boycott "Ayandegan." It said the ministry had turned down public appeals to ban the newspaper.

A commentary broadcast Friday night and again Saturday by the official Voice of the Islamic Republic Radio said "Ayandegan" was anti-revolutionary and funded by Zionism. The broadcast also attacked the leftist daily "Pavkham Emruz" and the satirical weekly "Ahangan."

"Ayandegan" denied the accusations in its final edition and said it had always supported the February revolution. The daily said its journalists had taken part in a 62-day strike in protest against martial law imposed by the Shah towards the end of his rule.

The afternoon newspaper "Kayhan" backed "Ayandegan" and accused the official radio and television of blowing up a small disagreement into a major national dispute.

King handed message from President Bakr

RIYADH, May 12 (Agencies) — King Khaled Saturday received a message from the Iraqi President Ahmad Hassan Bakr. It was delivered by Iraqi Minister of Housing and Construction Taha Yassin Ramadan who is also a member of the Revolutionary Command Council.

The meeting was attended by Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard and Prince Sultan, minister of defense and aviation. Ramadan arrived in Riyadh from Kuwait during a tour of Gulf states.

Earlier in the day, informed Kuwaiti sources said Iraq is sending out invitations for another Arab summit meeting, to adopt a unified Arab strategy against Israel following the signing of the separate Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

The sources, that did not wish to

Jerusalem declared capital of Palestine

FEZ, Morocco, May 12 (Agencies) — Jerusalem was declared capital of Palestine Saturday by the 10th conference of Islamic foreign ministers.

The move came as the conference ended after five days of discussion dominated throughout by the problems of the Middle East.

The ministers also adopted a plan to create an Islamic capitals organization including Jerusalem and called on the 42 members of the Islamic Conference Organization (ICO) to increase their financial and political support for the campaign to free the city from Israeli control.

King Hassan of Morocco was named on Thursday as chairman of a special committee to coordinate the Islamic campaign on Jerusalem.

Earlier, this week, the conference adopted a Syrian resolution suspending Egypt from the ICO because of its peace treaty with Israel.

The conference adopted a resolution urging Japan to avoid anti-Islamic propaganda which could have a bad effect on Tokyo's relations with the Islamic world.

The conference passed a resolution which "noted with great concern that a film criticizing Islam and containing errors about the history of Jerusalem" was screened on Japanese television.

The resolution asked ICO's secretary general to contact the Japanese government to express the conference's concern.

Many of the conference's resolutions concerned the Middle East, including a motion which condemned "the plundering of natural and human resources" in Palestine and occupied Arab territories.

The conference attacked the Camp David accords and Israel's "aggressive policy."

The ministers also pledged full support for African liberation movements until "the elimination of colonialist and racist regimes from the African continent."

The conference also recommended close cooperation with the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and expressed its willingness to help liberation movements and refugees in southern Africa.

Conference spokesman Kacem Zhiri said Saudi Arabia was the most generous donor to ICO institutions, contributing at least \$24.8 million including 10 million to the Islamic solidarity fund.

Meanwhile Moroccan Foreign

Minister Ahmad Boucetta was quoted Saturday as strongly denying that his country had any role in bringing about President Sadat's journey to Jerusalem in November 1977.

In an interview with the Paris Arabic-language weekly "Al-Mostaqbal," Boucetta said it was "a lie."

Western sources have said that Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan traveled secretly to Morocco two months before Sadat's journey to meet top Egyptian officials.

Boucetta's remarks were believed to be the first emphatic Moroccan denial of such a meeting. Morocco has been gradually withdrawing its initial support for Egyptian-Israeli reconciliation.

In a related development Syria and Iraq have closed the local offices of Egypt's Middle East News Agency on grounds that it deals with Israel, a senior agency

executive said in Damascus Saturday.

The correspondents of the official agency were given two days to leave as was the MENA reporter in Jordan, said Muhammad Bialy.

"It is quite obvious that all this is a consequence of the situation in the Middle East, following the Egyptian-Israeli treaty," he said. The three countries are among the 17 Arab states that severed relations with Egypt on account of the accord.

Bialy said MENA has complained to the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization meeting in Paris.

"As far as we are concerned, we shall take no steps against the correspondents of these countries or any other country... working in Egypt. We are a regional news organization and do not work in politics. The issue at stake is the freedom of the press and of reporters," he said.

Kuwait said not planning to recall funds from Egypt

KUWAIT, May 12 (Agencies) — A local newspaper quoted an unnamed "high ranking official" Saturday as denying reports that Kuwait had informed Egypt it wants to withdraw one billion dollars from Cairo bank accounts.

But the terms of the deposit agreement permit Kuwait to withdraw its funds at short notice, the newspaper "Al-Anbaa" further quoted the official as saying.

"If Kuwait expresses an intention to withdraw the deposit, the Bank of Egypt must pay it. It is not in the interest of any country in the world to instruct its central bank to refrain from paying since such an act would scare depositors," the official added.

Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil on Friday declined to comment about the same report of an imminent withdrawal of Kuwait's one billion dollar deposit.

Kuwait is among the majority of

Arab League states that have broken off diplomatic relations with Egypt and imposed an economic and political boycott against it after President Anwar Sadat signed a separate peace treaty with Israel.

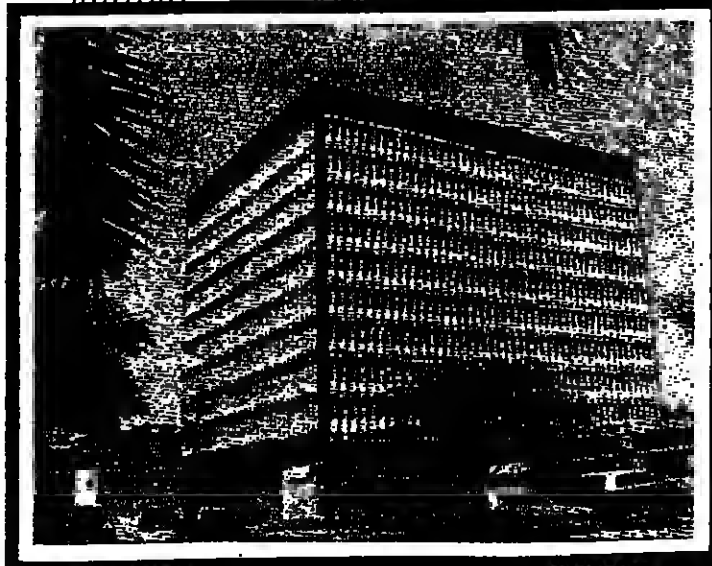
The money was deposited after the 1967 Middle East war and is considered by many economists to be a form of aid since it provides Egypt with foreign exchange that can be used to buy imports.

Khalil has said Egypt would not seize Arab property or capital in retaliation for the sanctions triggered by the treaty, and a senior official said if the Kuwaitis asked for their money back "Egypt would honor the request."

Accounts in Egyptian banks are one of the two economic levers the Arabs have on Egypt. The other is employment of more than one million Egyptian laborers, who send home more than \$1.7 billion annually.

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'Not separate treaty'

Sadat again defends pact

TANTA, Egypt, May 12 (R) — President Anwar Sadat Saturday reiterated that the Camp David agreements with Israel and the United States and Egypt's peace treaty with Israel were not separate pacts but accords for a comprehensive Middle East settlement.

Addressing a rally in this Nile Delta town, Sadat said the accords were "for a comprehensive and just peace despite quibbles and prevarications by opportunists and defeatists who attempt to depict them as a separate agreement."

Sadat said: "We said yes to

peace from a position of strength...the entire world realized what Egypt is and what role it can play."

He said Egypt always sought peace based on justice: "I went to the Knesset (Israeli parliament) which Sadat addressed in November 1977 and told them we want peace based on justice...I told them that if you want to live among us then there should be no aggression on Arab land, no aggression on the sovereignty of Jerusalem...not a single Arab or Muslim approves Israel's sovereignty over Arab Jerusalem."

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Ministry aide hurt in highway crash

JEDDAH, May 12 — Deputy Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Dr. Ghazi Sultan was seriously injured last week when his car was in collision with two stray camels on the Mecca-Taif highway. Okaz reported Saturday.

The owners of the camels obstructed attempts to remove Dr. Sultan, who was unconscious, to a hospital and attacked his companion demanding compensation for the dead beasts. The camel drivers are now in jail, the paper said.

Dr. Sultan left Friday to undergo treatment in London.

According to the report, the deputy minister was travelling to Taif with Muhammad Shafiq, a secretary to Petroleum Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani.

Both men were knocked unconscious by the collision. When Shafiq came too, he attempted to stop a passing car but was obstructed and beaten up by the camel drivers who demanded he pay up.

Eventually, a Greek expatriate named Costas Constantinos stopped his Volvo car, forced aside the

angry herders and helped both men into his car.

According to the paper, Jeddah Police Chief Col. Ali Al-Mashouf sent a force to arrest the herders, who have been jailed.

While in a hospital in Jeddah, Dr. Sultan was visited by Prince Abdullah Al-Faisal, Mecca Governor Prince Fawaz, Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani and Pilgrimage Minister Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasi.

Traffic officials to move against taxi profiteering

JEDDAH, May 12 — The Interior Ministry's General Traffic Department has started a campaign to curb overcharging by taxi-drivers in Saudi towns, "Al-Jazirah" reported Saturday.

Col. Muhammad bin Rajaa Al-Harbi, director of the General Department of Traffic has asked traffic departments throughout the Kingdom to enforce official rates for taxi-drivers.



Dr. Ghazi Sultan

According to "Al-Jazirah," Col. Harbi has ordered that the official fares be displayed prominently at taxi ranks and traffic police be directed to enquire from the passengers whether drivers have charged the fixed fares.

The paper said the authorities have decided to suspend violators for one week initially, for two weeks for a second offence and two months for a third offence.

If the offense is repeated the driver's taxi license will be confiscated and the driver banned for one year, the paper added.

SPA adds: An intensive traffic campaign has been launched in Mecca to check licenses and car registrations and to prosecute drivers who slack off windows or disturb public peace through unnecessary use of their horns.

Cairo suspended from crime unit

RIYADH, May 12 (SPA) — The executive council of the Arab Organization for Social Defense against Crime decided here Saturday to suspend Egypt from membership. The council is holding an extraordinary meeting.

Freight train derailed in Riyadh; one injured

JEDDAH, May 12 — The driver of a water tanker was injured seriously when his vehicle was hit by a train at a crossing on the outskirts of Riyadh Friday, "Al-Jazirah" reported.

The collision, near the Riyadh cement factory, caused the derailment of five trucks containing petroleum products — apparently, the first-ever derailment since the opening of the Riyadh-Dammam railroad in the early 1950s.

To lessen the danger of explosion, two units of the capital's Civil Defense have been posted to the scene of the accident, according to Maj. Abdullah Al-Rabeghi, director of operations for Civil Defense in Riyadh.

The tanker driver was Saturday undergoing treatment for his injuries in the

Riyadh General Hospital. According to "Al-Jazirah," the Riyadh area saw four deaths by drowning Friday after swimmers disregarded warnings not to bathe in the artificial lakes formed by the heavy rains.

Three members of the same Saudi family were drowned in the lake formed by the Majma Dam, north of Riyadh.

They were swimming in the lake when one was trapped in the mud of the lake bed and could not surface. The other two dived down to help him but met the same fate.

A swimmer also drowned in the Hanifa lake in Diriyah, the paper reported.

The bodies of the four drowned men were brought out by Civil Defense personnel under the supervision of Maj. Rabeghi.

Contract let to establish animal vaccine laboratory

RIYADH, May 12 (SPA) — Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh Saturday awarded a contract to set up a special laboratory to prepare animal vaccines at the agricultural laboratory in Riyadh.

The SR 23.4 million contract was awarded to an unidentified French company, and is expected to be completed in 16 months.

The project will manufacture 200 million doses of cattle vaccine and 25 million doses of vaccine for the sheep diseases. Under the project, Saudi technicians will be trained for three years on the

management and operation of the laboratory.

Besides meeting the requirements of the Kingdom, the laboratory will export to the Gulf and the Peninsula countries, in implementation of a resolution of the first Conference of Agriculture Ministers of the Gulf and the Arabian Peninsula.

Jeddah donkey said life-saver

JEDDAH, May 12 — When the relations of a sick man failed to get a taxi after midnight here, they commandeered a stray donkey to carry him to the central hospital in Bab Sharif. Doctors who examined him found him in urgent need of an operation to remove a swollen appendix. A few minutes delay could have been fatal, "Okaz" said Saturday.

Sheikh Nafisah dies; saw action at fall of Riyadh

JEDDAH, May 12 — Sheikh Muhammad bin Ali Al-Nafisah, one of the 40 companions of King Abdul Aziz at the capture of Riyadh in 1903 died at the Central Hospital here Friday.

Sheikh Muhammad was 95. Prince Bandar was among those present at the ritual prayer.

Bus service set for West shortly

RIYADH, May 12 (SPA) — The Board of Directors of the Saudi Public Transport Company will operate a service between Jeddah, Mecca and Taif this summer, Sheikh Hussein Mansouri, minister of communications and chairman of the board, said Saturday.

According to Mansouri, the board Saturday reviewed the company's rush program and studied tenders submitted by transport companies.

He said the company has resolved to buy 200 buses initially and added that a general review was made of its requirements for land in Riyadh, Mecca, Medina, Dammam and Taif for workshops and service stations.

Sattam donates cash to poets

JEDDAH, May 12 — Deputy Governor of Riyadh Prince Sattam has donated SR 400,000 to encourage poets at the third seminar on popular heritage which concluded here Friday, according to "Al-Jazirah" newspaper.

Algosaibi leaves

RIYADH, May 12 (SPA) — Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi left here for Bahrain Saturday on his way to Tunis to attend a conference of Arab ministers of industry to be held there Monday.

AOI chief arrives

RIYADH, May 12 (SPA) — The chairman of the Arab Organization for Industrialization (AOI) Sheikh Faisal Al-Qassimi arrived here Saturday. He was received by Dr. Muhammad Al-Milbem, minister of State and director of the armaments firm.

Iraq aide here

RIYADH, May 12 (SPA) — Iraqi Minister of Housing and Construction Taher Yasin Ramadan arrived here Saturday. Ramadan is a member of Iraq's ruling Revolutionary Command Council (RCC).

Few surprises

Nahda falls in first round but top sides go through

By David Smith

JEDDAH, May 12 — The first round of the King's Cup contained few surprises with all the leading sides winning through to the second round.

The only Premier League side to go out at the first hurdle was Al-Nahda. The Dammam team was beaten 4-1 by First Division champion Al-Shebab, which now meets the Cup holder Al-Ahli in the second round.

Ahli had a comfortable passage against Al-Wadiah, with top-scorer Amin Dabbo notching four goals. The other goals came from Tariq Al-Khawal, who scored 3, Tarek Diab, Abdullah Omar and Idris Adam.

Easiest On this form Ahli, which appears to have the easiest passage of the top teams into the semi-final, will be hoping to repeat last year's Cup triumph, but the Jeddah side will face tricky opponents in Shebab in its next tie.

The highest scorer of the round was Dammam's Al-Kadasia which put 12 goals past the unfortunate Al-Watan. Kadasia had a good Cup run last season reaching the

1st-round results

JEDDAH, May 12: Results of King's Cup first-round games at the weekend:

Kadasia	12 Watan	1
Nasr	7 Fare	2
Atari	4 Anwar	1
Rubi	3 Najmah	1
Irtihad	2 Okaz	1
Hilal	8 Jabalein	1
Riyadh	7 Uruba	1
Assur	1 Salam	3
Wehda	3 Raed	0
Khalij	2 Fateh	1
Irtifaq	5 Hijir	0
Taawun	1 Sharq	—
Nahda	1 Shebab	4
Ahli	10 Wadiah	1
Hazam	— Nakhel	—
Ohod	1 Rodha	3

2nd ROUND: (to played next weekend)

Kadasia	vs. Nasr
Atari	vs. Rabi
Irtihad	vs. Hilal
Riyadh	vs. Salam
Wehda	vs. Khalij
Irtifaq	vs. Taawun
Shebab	vs. Sharq
	vs. Hazam
	vs. Nakhel

The tie of the second round is undoubtedly the clash between Al-Irtihad and Al-Hilal in Riyadh. Irtihad was not at its best in a 2-0 victory over Okaz in which striker Tomas Sjoberg scored both goals, but with Theo Buecker driving on the side, and Sjoberg and Issa Hamdan in goal-scoring mood, the Jeddah side will have high hopes of repeating its 2-1 league win over the Premier Division champion.

Hat-tricks

Hilal qualified comfortably with hat-tricks by strikers Najib Imam and Sultan bin Nassib, and two goals from Brazilian Roberto Rivelino giving the Riyadh side an 8-1 margin over Al-Jabalein. With bin Nassib and Imam to finish off the work of Rivelino and Al-Umda, Hilal will be going all

out to add the King's Cup to the league title, and this second-round tie promises to be an epic tussle between two fine sides. In the other second-round matches, the teams relegated from the Premier Division look to have the opportunity to reach the third round.

Favorite Atari, having beaten Al-Anwar 4-1, should be able to defeat Al-Rabi, while Al-Riyadh, beaten in last season's Cup Final, will start favorite against Al-Salam, having won over Al-Uruba by the convincing margin of 7-1.

The other Premier Division sides should also progress into the quarter-finals. Dammam's Al-Irtifaq defeated Al-Hijir, 5-0, and now takes on either Al-Taawun or Al-Sharq, while Mecca's Al-Wehda plays first division side Al-Khalij, having beaten Al-Raed, 3-0, in the first round.

In the only Al First Division clash in the second round, Al-Rodha, 3-1 victor over the promoted Ohod, takes on either Al-Hazam or Al-Nakhel in the tie, which may produce the only First Division representative in the last eight.

DABBO: Ahli's Senegalese striker Amin Dabbo was top scorer in the King's Cup first round over the weekend, notching four goals in Ahli's 12-0 rout of Al-Watan.

semifinal before falling to Ahli, but faces a difficult task in the next round when it meets Riyadh's Al-Nasr. Nasr qualified for the second round by beating Al-Fare, 7-2, and will be looking to improve on last season when it lost, 1-0, to Ahli in the third round.



BRIMMING: The Hanifa Lake in Diriyah near Riyadh, full to brimming after this month's rains.

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Autonomy doesn't mean nucleus of Palestine state, Israel says

TEL AVIV, May 12 (Agencies) — Israeli Minister of the Interior Yosef Burg has said that the Israeli team to negotiate autonomy in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip would have to defend two basic demands: that autonomy would not produce the

nucleus of a future Palestinian state in the territory, and that Israel should not have to agree to refrain from establishing new settlements there.

Dr. Burg, who has been appointed head of the Israeli ministerial team for the negotia-

tions with Egypt, laid down in the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty was speaking at a luncheon meeting of industrialists and businessmen here Friday.

Negotiations are to begin on May 25.

Israel has offered to introduce a limited form of autonomy for the Palestinian residents of the area and aims to retain control of security, public land and water resources.

"By our definition," autonomy is less than "sovereignty" and we must not forget this, the minister said.

In a separate development in Cairo, Egyptian newspapers Saturday hailed as "well-timed" and "significant" a statement affirming U.S. President Jimmy Carter's responsibility in ending the 1978 invasion of southern Lebanon and shook the country's faith in its military machine.

Carter made the statement in an interview published in Tel Aviv Friday by the Israeli newspaper "Maariv."

"The daily 'Al Ahrām' noted that Carter's statement came while Egypt and Israel are preparing to start negotiations on Palestinian self-rule and said 'definition of the American stand is required so that Israel's interpretations do not exceed the understanding' reached by both countries at Camp David.

Iraq sending messages on anti-Egypt move

BAGHDAD, May 12 (R) — A member of the ruling Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council left here Saturday for Libya at the start of a five-state tour as President Ahmad Hassan Bakr's personal envoy.

The Iraq News Agency (INA) said Hikmat Ibrahim was carrying messages from President Bakr to the Libyan, Tunisian, Algerian, Mauritanian and Moroccan heads of state dealing with the implementation of punitive measures against Egypt.

It added that the messages also touched on strengthening inter-Arab cooperation to "face" the Egypt-Israel peace agreement.



AUDIENCE: Ayatollah Khomeini makes a habit of holding audiences to meet the thousands of pilgrims who flock to the holy city of Qom for an opportunity of seeing the man who led the Islamic revolution in Iran. Khomeini is seen holding a child Friday.

Israel cabinet to study report on army abuses in S. Lebanon

TEL AVIV, May 12 (AP) — Israel's cabinet Sunday is likely to discuss a scathing government report issued this week that criticized the army's handling of the 1978 invasion of southern Lebanon and shook the country's faith in its military machine.

The report issued Wednesday included charges of looting by Israeli soldiers, lax discipline that resulted in unnecessary deaths and a poor state of readiness for the March 1978 attack.

Newspaper reports Friday said Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich asked to include the state comptroller's annual report on the agenda of the weekly cabinet session in hopes of correcting the abuses documented in the report.

The state comptroller annually documents waste, inefficiency and abuses in the civilian sector. But his first-ever report on a military operation came as a surprise to the country.

The "Jerusalem Post" called the revelations "shocking," and added: "The inefficiencies that plague the civilian sector were thought to be mysteriously absent in the military sector. Now we know better."

The invasion of Lebanon, aimed at pushing Palestinian commandos off Israel's northern border, lasted three months and cost Israel 21 dead. It was Israel's largest military operation since the 1973 war.

The comptroller's criticism of the army operation included: — Looting by soldiers in Lebanese territory held by Israel. One-third of the 182 cases reported involved electrical appliances, including one refrigerator, and one-fourth of the men apprehended were above the rank of sergeant major.

— Inefficient call-ups of reserve units, inadequate intelligence reports and poor states of readiness of tanks, minesweepers and other equipment.

— Tactical mistakes by tank commanders, such as driving through uncleared minefields, that resulted in 21 tanks being put out of action in the invasion's first day.

World Food Council warns of Bangladesh starvation

MANILA, May 12 (AP) — Bangladesh may be again on the verge of catastrophe unless the world intervenes, the head of the World Food Council said Saturday.

Arturo Tanco Jr. said Bangladesh officials told him they expect hundreds of thousands to starve this summer without at least a half-million tons of emergency grain aid.

Last December, the shortfall in food grains predicted for Bang-

ladesh this year was 1.7 million tons, and it was on that figure that aid programs were based, Tanco said.

He said floods and droughts since then have caused such severe crop damage that Dacca now expects to grow 2.2 million tons less than it needs for its 81 million people.

He issued an urgent appeal to grain-rich states to make up the difference.

U.S. may quit WHO if Israel is suspended

GENEVA, May 12 (AP) — The United States has warned there was a "distinct possibility" it will withdraw from the World Health Organization WHO if the latest campaign of Arab states against Israel within the United Nations agency succeeds.

The warning came in a two-sentence statement Friday by U.S. Ambassador William Van Leo Heuvel in response to an announcement by Arab states they will seek to have Israel's voting rights suspended in the organization.

It followed a sharp statement by an American cabinet member earlier this week and was reminiscent of a series of American warnings that preceded the U.S. withdrawal from the International Labor Organization in 1977.

U.S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Joseph Califano Jr., who apparently had advance warning of the impending Arab move, warned the current World Health Assembly against taking any "rash action."

In a speech to the nearly one thousand delegates at the organization's annual gathering last Tuesday, Califano said such an action could cause "irreparable harm" to the organization. He left Geneva the following day.

Iraqi Health Minister Riad Hussein announced the latest Arab move in a news conference here Friday. He said health ministers from all Arab states except Egypt decided to go ahead with tabling an anti-Israel resolution.

Hussein said the resolution was drafted in advance of the WHO meeting and is to "stop the aggression of Zionism and violation of WHO rules in the occupied territories."

Reacting to the Arab

announcement, the U.S. mission in Geneva issued without further comment the following press statement from mission chief Vanden Heuvel who is also delegate to the assembly:

"I have advised various Arab representatives that (an) attempt is made to impose sanctions against Israel under article seven.

"I have no doubt the government of the U.S., representing both the executive and the legislative branches, would reply in an appropriate way, including the distinct possibility of withdrawal."

WHO rules do not provide for the exclusion of any member state, but article seven, invoked by the Arabs, says that a state's voting power can be withdrawn "under exceptional circumstances."

Jordan minister holds talks with Gromyko

MOSCOW, May 12 (AP) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko met on Friday with visiting Jordanian Foreign Minister Hassan Ibrahim, the Soviet news agency Tass reported Saturday.

The talks "passed in a friendly atmosphere," Tass said. "A detailed exchange of views was held on questions pertaining to the Middle East situation and the development of cooperation between the USSR and Jordan," Tass said.

It added that "both sides underlined that conclusion of the Egyptian-Israeli treaty has led to a new aggravation of the situation in the Middle East and created serious obstacles to the achievement of peace and stability in that area."

U.S. soldier was killed by leftists

ANKARA, May 12 (R) — A leftist group called the "Marxist-Leninist Armed Propaganda Unit" claimed responsibility Saturday for the killing of an American soldier in Istanbul Friday. The little-known group made the claim in telephone calls to Turkish newspapers. The serviceman, 20-year-old Thomas Mosley, was shot from a passing car as he was about to board a U.S. military bus. Another American soldier with him was hit in the legs but was not seriously wounded.

Swiss to represent Iran in Egypt

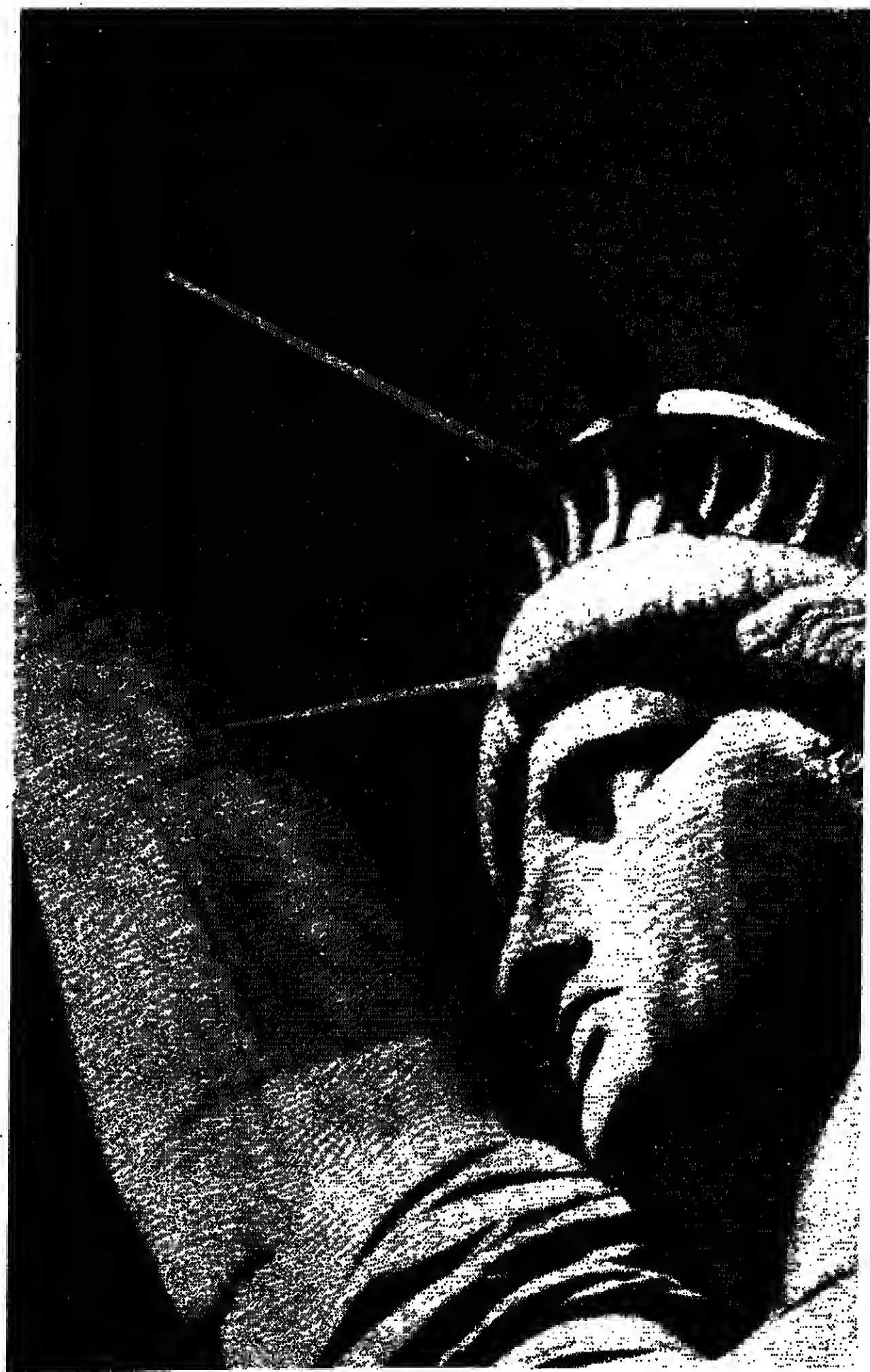
BERNE, May 12 (R) — Switzerland has agreed to look after Iran's affairs in Egypt after Tehran's diplomatic break with Cairo over the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, the Swiss government has announced.

UNESCO softens stand on Israel

PARIS, May 12 (AP) — The U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has departed from its usually strong condemnations of Israel to adopt a moderate resolution opposing Israel's actions in Jerusalem. The debate Friday in the executive committee was calm and conciliatory. The Arab states and the Communist Bloc denounced Israel's occupation of Jerusalem but topped short of demanding a strongly worded resolution.

U.S. convicts Jewish radicals

NEW YORK, May 12 (AP) — Two members of a Jewish militant group were convicted Friday of firebombing the home of a United Nations employee in connection with a terror conspiracy against Egyptian government installations and personnel. The U.S. District court jury in Manhattan had rendered a partial verdict on Thursday, convicting Victor Vaoier, 21, and Brice Berger, 30, of the conspiracy and another count.



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Bay of Bengal generates furious Indian hurricane

NEW DELHI, May 12 (AP)—A hurricane struck the eastern coast of India Saturday, disrupting communications, flooding low-lying areas and marooning hundreds, the United News of India reported.

Nellore, a district headquarters about 160 kilometers north of Madras, was described as a "pic-

ture of total desolation" of Andhra Pradesh State.

Some 30,000 people have been evacuated so far from coastal areas, and the armed forces have been placed on alert for rescue and relief operations, All-India Radio reported.

Worst hit were Nellore and East Godavari districts, where trees

were uprooted and many sections inundated. Also affected were Guntur and Krishna districts, which bore the brunt of the November, 1977, hurricane-tidal wave disaster.

S.D. Williams, a meteorologist at Nungambakkam Observatory in Madras, said the tropical storm swept off the Bay of Bengal and began lashing an area between Nellore and Kavale in Andhra Pradesh state late Saturday morning, UNI reported.

On Friday, five fishing villages near Nellore were flooded by heavy rains which preceded the hurricane.

Rough Seas

Rough seas have prevented five ships from rescuing 22 crew members aboard a disabled Panamanian-registered vessel, the United Vanguard, in the Bay of Bengal, UNI said.

The United Vanguard, sending distress signals since Thursday, was reported listing heavily to port. One British, one Soviet and three Indian ships waiting for the weather to improve before attempting to rescue the crew, it added.

A Soviet merchant vessel rescued five crew from the United Vanguard, Friday, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said.

The Soviet vessel was not identified.

The freighter sent a distress signal Thursday saying it had developed serious engine trouble about 600 kilometers southeast of Madras in huge waves whipped up by the cyclone.

Warning

The Madras Weather Office had said gales and tidal waves of up to 15 feet were expected to reach the coast of Andhra Pradesh state and fishermen were warned to stay ashore.

Madras police began evacuation from coastal areas Thursday because of the flood danger.

Indira denies knowledge of \$ 100,000 bribery plan

NEW DELHI, May 12 (AP)—Former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has denied any knowledge of an alleged \$ 100,000 payoff scheme which the government has claimed was proposed by an Italian executive.

Mrs. Gandhi told members of her party on Thursday that the charge, made in Parliament by Deputy Finance Minister Satish Agarwal, was "false and politically motivated."

Agarwal claimed on Tuesday that Mrs. Gandhi's defeat in the March, 1977, election kept the deal from being carried out.

Authorities raiding the offices of Parle Products Ltd., an Indian food and beverage concern, found a letter from C. Rocci, managing director of the Italian soft drink firm Isleri, proposing the payoff to secure an import deal, he said.

The letter, written in Italian,

said the payment would be deposited for Mrs. Gandhi in a Hong Kong bank to secure the import of 3,000 tons of polyester fiber from an unnamed Italian firm, Agarwal charged.

The government has asked the Central Bureau of Investigation to probe the charges against Mrs. Gandhi. It is the fourth official investigation into alleged abuses by Mrs. Gandhi's regime ordered by Prime Minister Morarji Desai's government since it came to power two years ago.

The other three investigations presided over by retired judges of the Supreme Court, upheld charges of abuse of power by Mrs. Gandhi, her son Sanjay and leading aides during the 1975-77 State of Emergency. Thousands of critics of the Gandhi regime, including Desai, were imprisoned during the emergency.

India's troops on alert as Punjab police revolt

NEW DELHI, May 12 (R)—Troops were put on alert Friday after a revolt by policemen in India's northern states of Punjab and Haryana, a government spokesman said.

The army was alerted after Punjab's Special Police Force joined other policemen in widespread anti-government demonstrations, the spokesman said.

The protests, sparked by the dismissal of a policeman for alleged inebriation have made the

situation "alarming," he said.

Hundreds of policemen, protesting against what they called political interference in their administration, staged rallies and protest marches in several major district towns of the two prosperous farming states.

The Punjab government has ordered police authorities to "take firm action to enforce obedience and discipline in the police force."

House arms unit seeks jump-jet

Key panel defies Carter over carrier

WASHINGTON, May 12 (R)—A key congressional committee Friday headed for a fight with President Carter by recommending the building of a new nuclear-powered aircraft carrier and the development of an advanced version of the British Harrier jump-jet fighter.

The House of Representatives Armed Services Committee authorized \$ 2.1 billion for a nuclear carrier which President Carter said was not needed.

The committee also recommended the full House approve \$ 180 million for the development of a new U.S.-built version of the Harrier for the Marine Corps.

Defense Secretary Harold

Brown had cancelled the Harrier program despite Marine pleas that the vertical take-off plane was needed to support ground troops.

The committee recommended that Congress authorize \$ 42.1 billion for military weapons in 1980, \$ 2.1 billion more than President Carter requested.

The additional money was for the carrier which the president vetoed last year.

In place of the nuclear ship, Carter has asked for \$ 1.7 billion to build a smaller, non-nuclear carrier, which he believed would be more suitable to the limited future role of the surface navy.

In recommending that the

House overrule the president's request, the authorization statement said "The committee substituted the more capable nuclear ship."

The committee also recommended that no money in the defense authorization be used for further reduction of American ground troops in South Korea below the level of May 1.

President Carter had planned to withdraw nearly all 32,000 American soldiers by 1982, but temporarily suspended further pull-outs last year when intelligence reports showed North Korean forces to be greater than previously assumed.



ORDEAL: His face etched with strain, Jeremy Thorpe arrives at Old Bailey for the first day of his trial on charges of conspiracy and incitement to murder.

Ends 4-day statement

Thorpe lied, prosecutor alleges

LONDON, May 12 (AP)—The prosecutor declared Friday that former Liberal Party leader Jeremy Thorpe lied in a statement to police and tried to tamper with witnesses as murder conspiracy charges developed against him.

Prosecutor Peter Taylor finally completed his opening statement about midway through the fourth day of the Old Bailey trial in which Thorpe, 50, and three associates are accused of plotting to murder former male model Norman Scott.

The prosecution contends Thorpe sought to kill Scott because the latter was threatening his political career by making damaging statements about him. Taylor said that by the spring of 1977 Thorpe was also worried that the unsuccessful alleged murder plot would be detected.

"His mental turmoil and his fear can best be measured by the lengths to which he now went to try and protect himself," Taylor told the court.

"It comes to this: One has to say, regrettably, seeking to tamper with the witnesses or potential witnesses."

In addition to the conspiracy charge, Thorpe is accused of inciting his old friend and co-defendant David Holmes, 48, former deputy treasurer of the Liberal Party, to murder. All the defendants deny all the charges.

Taylor said Thorpe tried to persuade a friend, Nadir Dinshaw, to lie about a cash donation, by Bahamas-based financier Jack Hayward, allegedly passed to one of the plotters to finance a murder contract.

Thorpe, who by then had resigned his party leadership over the scandal, also tried to persuade Hay-

ward to pressure Bessell to stay in his new home in America and not come back to Britain to give evidence.

The prosecution also introduced a statement given in police by Thorpe last June 3, five months before a preliminary hearing began in the case.

The statement declares that Thorpe only tried to help Scott out of "kindness" when the latter "was in a suicidal and unbalanced state."

Thorpe said in the statement, "I formed the opinion at an early stage on the limited number of occasions I was in his presence, that... he was becoming too dependent on me."

As to the suggestion that he plotted to kill Scott out of fear of exposure, Thorpe's statement said the allegations were known and ignored by the press and the major political parties and the Liberals were still thriving under his leadership.

"Against this background it is manifestly ludicrous to suggest either that I any longer considered that any public reliance would be placed upon the utterances of Scott, or that any measures were needed to deal with him, least of all the wholly unthinkable approach of conspiring to achieve his death, injury or otherwise," the June statement continued.

The statement also denied Thorpe knew of the disposition of money from Hayward that the prosecution says was in part used to pay ex-pilot Andrew Newton to kill Scott. It said the money was given to himself personally and not to the Liberal Party and that he had put it into an "iron reserve" to be used in the case of campaign deficits.

Screaming pedestrian flees

Hordes of rats attack N.Y. city block

NEW YORK, May 12 (AP)—Hundreds of rats that threatened to overrun a city block were foisted again, this time by a Health and Sanitation Department team and a gigantic rat trap.

Hordes of the filthy rodents, some of them 18 inches long and of the same type that carried bubonic plague in Europe during the Middle Ages, swarmed out of an excavation Friday and attacked pedestrians and cars.

A woman pedestrian was bitten as several of the animals reportedly wrapped themselves around her leg and nibbled at her. A witness said he saw blood stream down the screaming woman's leg.

Moments later, "in a state of hysteria," the woman jumped into a car and fled, the man told police.

Another passerby said he saw dozens of the rats jump onto a car and gnaw at the windshield wipers and the car's vinyl roof.

Health Department officials said they did not know what roused the rats from their breeding ground in the L-shaped excavation in lower Manhattan, a block from City Hall. The excavated lot had been the site of a bar and grill until nine years ago, when it was leveled by an explosion which killed nine people and injured 40 others. The rats had been there ever since, he said.

"For some reason they have gotten more brazen in the last several days," said Jean Cropper, deputy city health commissioner. Another official said the rats

could have a litter of seven pups every three or four weeks. In a year, one female rat can have 30,000 descendants.

"Rats are everywhere," said 29-year-old Christy Rupp, who lives in the area. "They are very successful urban animals. They are king in New York. I saw 50 of them in three hours Thursday night."

Work crews from the Health Department's Bureau of Pest Control cleaned the site Friday,

spread poison bait, and rigged a mesh fence to keep the rats from fleeing.

"We will trap some of them alive so we can comb them out and see what they have that is different from other rats in various parts of the city," Cropper said.

He added that his department would "tighten up the area" and do a building-by-building search to make sure the critters don't relocate.

Soviet Union faces 'unstoppable' dissent, Ginzburg maintains

WASHINGTON, May 12 (Agencies)—Exiled Soviet dissident Alexander Ginzburg said Friday the protest movement in the Soviet Union is "unstoppable" because new dissidents take the place of those who are silenced.

"No matter how many people they put into prison, no matter how many people are put into exile, the numbers of people who speak out always remain the same," Ginzburg said.

"The numbers always will remain the same because people will always be coming up to take their places," he said. "This is a completely unstoppable process."

Ginzburg, one of five Soviet political prisoners who were exchanged last month for two Soviet spies, commented in testimony before the congressional Helsinki Commission, which attempts to monitor compliance by the Soviet Union with the human rights provisions of the Helsinki Accords.

He spoke in Russian. He said that while serving his sentence in a detention camp, he was told by other prisoners the names of 20 people reported to have been executed by the Soviet government "unknown to the public."

He did not say whether these were political prisoners or whether they were charged with non-political crimes.

Ginzburg said his release in no way signals a softening in the Soviet attitude toward political dissidents.

"I cannot conceive of the possibility of the present regime becoming more liberal," he said.

He said that during his two years of imprisonment his interrogators constantly reminded him that he faced the death penalty.

"I realized this was not an empty threat when I heard one of my interrogators say, 'don't think we'll forgive you the billions the Soviet Union lost because you caused the trade agreement with the U.S. to fall through.'"

Ginzburg said the reference was to the so-called Jackson-Vanik Amendment that links U.S. trade with the Soviet Union to observance of human rights, especially the right to emigrate.

"Although the Moscow Hel-

sinki Group was formed after Jackson-Vanik was adopted, the Soviet authorities clearly wanted to vent their spleen by shooting someone in retaliation," he said.

He asked for support for those who remain in the dissident movement, "especially for those not well known in the West."

"I'm glad to announce that, despite all the arrests, the group is actively continuing its work, that new members have joined and that our arrests have not deterred them," Ginzburg said.



Alexander Ginzburg

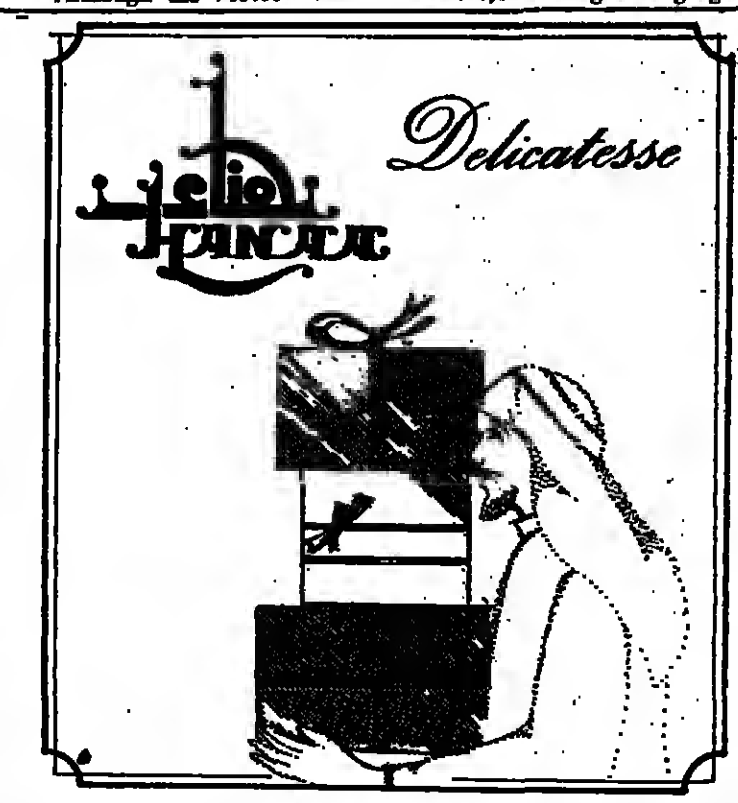
'Beachcomber,' U.K. humorist, dead at 85

LONDON, May 12 (AP)—John Bingham Morton, the renowned humorist "beachcomber" who created a comic world in the "Daily Express," has died aged 85, the newspaper reported Saturday.

Morton, whose "By the Way" column which he wrote by hand ran for 52 years, was regarded by many people as the father of modern British humor.

When Morton retired from journalism in 1975, he drew this tribute from Bernard Levin in the "Times."

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Thatcher, Schmidt hold relaxed first conference

LONDON, May 12 (AP) — Margaret Thatcher, first woman to head a government in Europe, is no "soft touch", West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt said Friday after two days of talks with her.

He added at a London news conference, "I guess she would not consider the Germans to be a soft touch either."

Schmidt, sitting alongside Mrs. Thatcher, said he didn't expect to have any problems dealing with the woman whose Conservatives ousted the Labor government in Britain's May 3 election.

He said the fact that he is a Socialist leader involved in talks with a Conservative prime minister "was not a problem in the slightest."

The chancellor was asked whether he would have the same personal relationship with Mrs. Thatcher that he had with James Callaghan, the former Labor prime minister whom he usually called "my friend Jim."

"In international politics," Schmidt replied, "it does not really matter so much whether you are Republican or a Democrat, Labor or Conservative, a Social

Democrat or a Liberal or a Christian Democrat.

"What really does matter," he said, "is whether you are a reliable person and whether you have got judgment. I have no doubt that on that basis we will be able to get on with each other."

Mrs. Thatcher seemed very much at ease during the news conference, choosing the questioners and calling some of them by name. She spoke in a relaxed voice, lacking the stridency of some of her campaign speeches, and some British reporters spoke of a "new Mrs. Thatcher."

On another question, Schmidt said Friday's rapidly rising oil prices are every nation's concern, and predicted some may soon be paying out 40 per cent of their export revenues to pay for oil.

"It is difficult to speculate whether the price rises so far have made their impact fully felt. Between 1978 and 1979 there has been a 25 per cent increase in crude oil prices. Already there have been further increases in the first four months of this year. These prices certainly concern me," he said.

Schmidt added the price increases affect his nation more than Britain, which has substantial North Sea supplies to draw from.

1st IRA prison protestor released in North Ireland

BELFAST, May 12 (AP) — The man who started the Irish Republican Army prison protest in which over 300 convicted IRA men wear blankets, refuse to wash and live in their own filth, was released Friday, the Northern Ireland Office said.

Kieran Nugent, 21, was released from the Maze prison outside Belfast after completing a three-year term for IRA membership and illegal possession of a gun.

He started the IRA protest in the Maze in March 1976 to protest lack of political prisoner status for convicted IRA men held there.

The protesters refuse to wear prison uniforms, clean their cells or do prison chores, arguing they are political prisoners, not common criminals as the British government insists.

They wear prison blankets to

cover their nakedness, cover cell walls with sewage and pour it into the corridors.

The Roman Catholic Primate of all Ireland, Archbishop Tomas Flaherty said after visiting the prison last July: "One would hardly allow an animal to remain in such conditions, let alone a human being."

Prison authorities retort that the squalor in which the prisoners live is self-inflicted.

Nugent was met by members of his family as he stepped from the prison and was whisked away by senior officials of Sinn Féin, the legal political wing of the outlawed IRA.

Guerrillas of the mainly Catholic Provisional wing of the IRA are fighting to drive the British from predominantly Protestant Northern Ireland and unite it with the overwhelmingly Catholic Irish Republic to the south.



STILL SPY: Comedian Bob Hope, who used to take part in innumerable "Road" pictures with the late Bing Crosby, demonstrates that he is still spry in New York Tuesday, despite being in his seventies. He is shown acting in the WNET-TV "Dick Cavett Show."

Spanish monarch urges Afro-European dialogue

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast, May 12 (R) — King Juan Carlos of Spain, making his first visit to black Africa, has called for an inter-continental dialogue between Europe and Africa and said that his country could provide the link.

Because of Spain's historical links with Africa, no country was better placed to help launch such a dialogue for cooperation, he said.

The king, who arrived here Friday at the start of a week-long tour of three French-speaking African states, was speaking at a dinner in his honor Friday night.

French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing has also called for such cooperation between the two continents and is due to meet 15 African leaders in Kigali, Rwanda, within 10 days for one of the regular Franco-African summits.

Carlos said the Spanish Cortes (parliament) would soon be presented with legislation to enable the government to develop closer ties with Africa.

"Europe's destiny would be imperilled without an African world of independent, prosperous and peaceful people," he told Ivory Coast President Felix Houphouët-Boigny.

He said Spain would not restrict its cooperation to its few traditional partners in North and West Africa but would "extend those links and strengthen them throughout the African world."

Turning to bilateral cooperation, the monarch said bluntly,

"What has been done up to now is not enough."

Informed sources said last night that the Ivory Coast had not so far shown any great urge to develop its relations and trade with Spain. A \$ 200-million line of credit opened by Spain four years ago has been left almost untouched.

The king is expected to develop his idea of how Spain could act as a bridge between Europe and Africa during his visits to Guinea and Senegal next week.

Brigades vow to wreck Italian general elections

ROME, May 12 (R) — Red Brigades urban guerrillas handcuffed a Christian Democrat to his own staircase Friday and warned they would continue their war against the Italian general election on June 3 and 4.

Three members of the gang raided the home of Giuseppe Merola, a leader of the Rome branch of the Christian Democratic Party, and handcuffed him to a metal hand-rail on the stair of his home.

They hung a placard around his head saying "Red Brigades-let us destroy the Christian Democrats, strike the men of power in the poor districts" and photographed him before escaping.

They did not carry out the usual Red Brigades policy of shooting victims in the legs.

Shortly afterwards, the gang left

a print of their photograph with a new policy statement in a hiding-place. It was picked up after a telephone tip to a reporter of a Rome newspaper.

"With the elections, the Christian Democrats want to display their power," the guerrillas said. "The proletarians, the revolutionaries, the communists will show their weakness... They will give no respite."

The Red Brigades also boasted that no target was beyond their reach after their successful onslaught on a Christian Democratic Party office here eight days ago.

"No target, however well-guarded, is immune to a guerrilla attack."

Government officials said that the army will be called in to protect offices and candidates during the campaign.

Six persons die in Philadelphia natural gas blast

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. May 12 (AP) — A natural gas explosion killed at least six people and injured 18 others as it leveled a tavern and an abandoned house in northeast Philadelphia, police say.

Friday's blast injured people up to a block away, knocked a passing motorist unconscious, and buried an elderly man through a plate glass store window, according to police.

A 40-year-old woman was crushed by flying debris while waiting for a bus across the street from the tavern, police said.

Firemen continued Saturday to search the rubble for victims. Police Capt. Wilbert Levan said there was a possibility that one or two persons were still buried.



WASTE DUMP: Nuclear waste disposal is a snag to New Mexico's uranium expansion. Here, low-level radioactive waste is being buried at the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory. A federal plan for an underground depository for high-level wastes near Carlsbad is becoming the state's most widely discussed issue. Opponents warn that it might result in New Mexico becoming known as "the Nuclear Waste Dump of the U.S."

No Chinese response

Hanoi accepts POW swap plan

PEKING, May 12 (R) — Vietnam agreed Saturday, under protest, to swap prisoners seized in the month-long frontier war with China, proposing a border crossing-point exchange May 21.

The surprise announcement by

Vice-Foreign Minister Phan Hien came at the fourth round of peace talks in Hanoi — hitherto dogged by argument since they opened April 18.

The Vietnamese minister turned down China's earlier suggestion of a first exchange May 19, a move which could mean fresh argument before any prisoners return home.

There was no immediate response from the Chinese Saturday. But some diplomats felt that Peking might accept the May 21 date, content with a big propaganda victory at a time when the peace talks are bogged down.

China claims to hold about 1,600 Vietnamese after freeing about 1,000 on the battlefield of

their February border conflict. Hanoi says it holds about 200 Chinese.

China said Friday it had decided unilaterally to free about 100 prisoners at the Friendship Pass border crossing May 19 even if Vietnam did not reciprocate and called for Red Cross delegates from each nation to discuss future exchanges.

Hien said Friday no agreement had been reached at the negotiating table on the "problem" of prisoner exchanges. China's announcement Friday was "an arrogant action at variance with the elementary principles of a negotiation, namely, the need for discussions to find a mutually satisfactory settlement," he said.

Nuclear plant staff aggravated accident, NRC report declares

WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP) —

Operators of the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant inadvertently turned what could have been a minor accident into a major one because they could not tell what was really happening inside the reactor, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff reported Friday.

The staff recommended improvements, in addition to those already ordered, at most of the United States' nuclear power plants.

The staff report said the reactor's radioactive core could have escaped severe damage despite mechanical failures, but the operators, by incorrectly diagnosing the problems, took actions which only made matters worse. They also missed chances to make the right moves, the NRC staff said.

The report listed at least half a dozen human errors which apparently contributed to the March 28 accident, which released some radiation into the environment and threatened for several days to force evacuations around Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

The report pointed out that the Three Mile Island plant and the eight others designed by Babcock and Wilcox are harder to control than other designs, and nuclear control rooms in general are often poorly designed and make it hard for operators to figure out what is going on during an abnormal event.

The NRC staff said its report was neither final nor complete and

"it is quite certain that other actions will be required as the overall review of the (Three Mile Island) accident progresses."

But it recommended improvements in reactor instruments and control displays so that plant operators can read quickly and accurately such important information as the level of cooling-water in the reactor core and how close its temperature-pressure conditions are to the boiling point.

It also recommended equipment improvements, such as better pressure relief valves and controls to reduce the valve-sticking problem that contributed to the accident.

The report now must be acted on by the five-member NRC, which will decide what orders should be issued to the country's nuclear power plants.

The staff report urged further studies of nuclear plant design features, operating characteristics and accident hazards, and told the NRC that it should improve its own habits.

On at least three previous occasions, it recalled, pressure relief valves stuck open and triggered high pressure emergency injections of cooling water.

The NRC requires reports of abnormal reactor incidents, but the staff said the commission should check them more systematically so that such repeated incidents as the past valve-sticking problems would be treated as a warning of the possibility of more serious accidents.

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NUCLEAR TRIGGER

The United States and the Soviet Union have announced a Vienna summit meeting for June 15 where Presidents Carter and Brezhnev are to sign the second six-year Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty. It is well and good that these two nations are trying to resist the temptation to inculcate the world with nuclear weapons by setting limits for each other's destructive capability. They will, however, miss an invaluable opportunity at the SALT II summit if they fail to achieve anything about the most likely trigger for such a conflict — Israel.

The strongest nuclear alert ever declared occurred in October, 1973, when Israeli troops violated a ceasefire to cut off the Egyptian Third Army in the Sinai. The USSR told the United States it was sending in troops to enforce that ceasefire, since the Americans apparently lacked the will or authority to convince the Israelis to abide by it. President Nixon warned President Brezhnev off with his "red alert" for all U.S. military forces around the globe. Israel consolidated its after-the-fact gains with a reprieve "tsk-tsk" from the Americans, leaving the whole world on the brink of an atomic conflagration.

Now the Israelis are busily tearing to shreds another document — the Camp David Framework for Peace — by proposing a ludicrous Palestinian autonomy plan for the occupied territories which seems incapable of fooling anybody. They are throwing supersonic aircraft and troops into Lebanon on a basis that is becoming routine for Tel Aviv.

Two years ago, Mr. Carter reached an agreement with the Soviet Union recognizing the need for a Palestinian homeland and an all-parties conference to settle the Middle East crisis. The American president subsequently endured his first roasting at the hands of Israeli supporters, and he blinked.

This U.S. backdown was followed by Mr. Sadat's strange journey to the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, a process which demonstrated, if nothing else, Israel's ability to cow American presidents in negotiations as well as on Arab battlefields.

The Soviets have watched all of this unfold with sparse comment. Their anxiety has been with the U.S. Senate, where any SALT treaty signed by Mr. Carter must be approved before it can take effect. The Senate is in a war-like mood, and it is questionable whether any SALT treaty will be approved there.

Still, the Soviet Union has an obligation to its allies in the Arab world to see peace returned to the Middle East.

The Russians should press for a commitment from Mr. Carter to state once again the need for a Palestinian homeland, the need for an all-parties conference such as Geneva and the need to recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization. They should hear what the U.S. position is on the return of all territories occupied by Israel during the 1967 war and by Israel's proxies in Lebanon in 1978.

Even if these steps further antagonize the U.S. Senate, they are necessary for the credibility of both the United States and the Soviet Union. Even more important, they are necessary if the superpowers are intent on defusing the Israeli trigger for another world war.

It is not a question of risking another SALT accord for the sake of winning points with the Arab world. It is a more fundamental matter of disarming the nuclear trigger at its source.

West Bank water politics

By William Claiborne

TEL AVIV —

The politics of water will emerge as a major issue when negotiations begin later this month on the future of the occupied West Bank.

The dispute — born out of the premise that whoever controls the West Bank's water will control the West Bank — will be exacerbated by the effects of this winter's drought and growing fears in Israel that the underground water table is running precariously low.

Some officials already are beginning to warn that if Israel relinquishes control of West Bank water resources, Palestinians there could wreak havoc with the national supply and drive Jewish settlers out of the occupied territories by cutting off their water.

Underlying the issue also is a belief shared by each side that the other could overlap the underground reservoir and dangerously increase the salinity of wells.

"The main issue, we don't have any unexploited resources of water, so that what is already there is of utmost concern," Meir Ben-Meir, Israel's water commissioner, said in an interview.

"I can tell you substantively, Israel must have a major say in how water resources will be managed if it doesn't want the destruction of the supply," Ben-Meir warned.

For their part, the 1.1 million Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank have shown almost no interest in any aspect of the autonomy negotiations scheduled to start at the end of this month. As a result, no clear position on the specific issue of water has surfaced. Egypt, acting as a self-appointed representative for the Palestinians, has made it known, however, that control of water resources must be an integral part of autonomy.

Since no agenda for the autonomy negotiations has yet been fixed, it is not known when the water issue will come to a head. Nevertheless, diplomatic sources predict it will sooner or later dominate the talks and could lead to the first serious stalemate.

Israel draws a third of the 1.6 billion cubic meters of water it requires annually from the West Bank. It is unlikely it would willingly relinquish control of that reserve to anyone, much less to historical antagonists.

Disputes with Arabs over water use go back for years. The most dramatic example came in 1964, when Israel diverted the Jordan River as part of a national irrigation plan and the Arab states threatened to turn away the water at its source, which could have ruined Israel.

In the 1967 war, Israel made certain it brought the Jordan River's source in Syria under its control.

Its reluctance to give up the Golan Heights is based, in part, on water needs.

At the heart of the problem is the fact that all potential water resources have been tapped and that a sharp rise in consumption on one side of the pre-1967 border would automatically mean a decline in available resources on the other side.

Soon after the 1967 war, when Jewish settlements began springing up in the West Bank, the Israeli military government began laying down harsh controls on Arab water use, refusing permission to Palestinians to sink new wells or enlarge existing ones. The controls extended even to the purchase of new parts for pumps and Palestinians long have complained they are economically repressed by the policy.

Compounding the problem has been intensive farming conducted by some Jewish settlements, meaning that a small percentage of the West Bank's inhabitants are using a disproportionate amount of water, further alienating Palestinians. Palestinian farmers have complained that the salt content of their wells have been rising steadily, endangering their crops.

A measure of how important the government regards the West Bank water source was revealed by a special interministerial committee appointed last year by Prime Minister Menachem Begin to draft negotiating positions on West Bank autonomy. The committee put high on its list a requirement that Israel retain effective control of West Bank water, to protect its own needs and to assure water for Jewish settlers in the West Bank.

Following up on the committee's recommendations, the Israeli cabinet recently made two key decisions: to hook Israel's Jordan Valley settlements to the national system, thereby partly defusing the water-pirating charges, and to adopt "appropriate" rules for water use in the hills of the West Bank, with allowance for the coastal plains' dependence on water sources in the hills.

Begin, prodded by the National Religious Party ministers, has made it clear in public statements who will draft the rules for whom, and it has become obvious he does not envisage Palestinian autonomy as including control of water.

This already has infuriated Palestinian leaders, among them Hebron Mayor Fahd Kawasmah, who said denial of water exploitation rights "doesn't even give us minimum autonomy."

Echoing Kawasmah, other West Bank political leaders argue that the water policy will simply continue Palestinian dependence on Israeli authority under the guise of autonomy. (WP)

New army in Lebanon

By Thomas Lippman

YARZE, Lebanon — A new group of armed men is beginning to appear more and more prominently alongside the foreign armies and private militias on Lebanon's confrontation lines. It's the army of Lebanon, perhaps the weakest and least motivated of all the armed organizations on the Lebanese battleground but showing signs of life at last.

Its presence in the field is still minimal. A few hundred outgunned men are cautiously trying to establish their authority in the ravaged suburbs of Beirut and a 500-man unit was deployed with United Nations troops in the buffer zone of the far south last month.

In Lebanon's law of the gun atmosphere, with Israelis bombing Palestinian camps, the Syrian army skirmishing with right-wing militias and the U.N. force confronting heavily armed Lebanese renegade troops, that isn't much. But it is more than the army has amounted to since the civil war and those modest deployments represent virtually the only sign of progress toward ending the country's long agony.

Officially, all factions in the zany Lebanese patchwork agree that the army is the only legitimate armed force and that all should cooperate so it can be rebuilt and restore law and order. In fact, however, the armed elements that dominate the country — Syrians, Israelis, private militias and Palestinians — hold the army in contempt, and none is prepared to rely on the army to protect its interests. As a result, the army is struggling against overwhelming odds to regain a shred of respectability, while the killing continues.

The top command has been reorganized under a new law aimed at making the army, traditionally dominated by Christians, more politically acceptable to all sides. With recruits being trained and modest amounts of equipment coming in, the army is less of a national embarrassment than it was.

The deployment to the south, even though it drew shelling that apparently provoked some desertions and exposed the army's overall weakness, was still welcomed as the first time in years that a Lebanese force of mixed religion and background had met any test in the national interest.

Here at the defense ministry on the main road to Damascus, snappy-looking recruits are marching around and pitching tents, and brisk NCO's are pushing around in new Land Rovers.

But the army is nowhere near ready to take on the real tasks confronting it — restore order in an anarchic country, challenge the private militias, supplant the Syrian army as the source of authority in Lebanon and, most difficult of all, serve as the catalyst for a nationwide political reconciliation.

"We know we can't restore order by force," said Maj. Mahmoud Matar, the army's information chief. "That would take 50,000 men. We can only restore order if there is a national political accord." But, in what newspapers accurately called a classic

chicken-and-egg situation, the development of that accord, if attainable at all, depends on the reorganization and development of the army.

These are taking place, but very slowly and not without challenge.

The government of Pres. Elias Sarkis hopes that reorganization of the army command, will be followed by the resignation of the cabinet of technocrats that has been trying to run the country since the end of the civil war in 1976 and the installation of a consensus cabinet of political figures.

They would then work on a national agreement that would end the divisions that have ruined the country.

Nobody has illusions about how remote a prospect that is. That political consensus has not been attained in the army itself, let alone in the country at large.

For example, under the new law, the posts of defense minister and army commander must be held by different men. Lt. Gen. Victor Khoury chose the defense portfolio, leaving the commander's post open. His logical successor, according to military sources, is a respected brigadier, Mounir Tarabey, but the same unwritten law that says the president of Lebanon must always be a Maronite Christian applies to the command of the army. Gen. Tarabey is a Druze, so he became acting commander while the search goes on.

The Lebanese army, disintegrated during the civil war of 1975-76. Some troops stayed in their barracks, some joined one faction or another, and many simply went home.

Now, according to Maj. Matar, the army's paper strength has been rebuilt to the pre-war level of about 18,000. He said nearly 5,000 of the pre-war members have been weeded out or forced to retire, replaced by "a new breed" who have a "sense of national duty." He acknowledged that the army's high salaries are an inducement. With war recruits drawing a base pay of about \$200 a month, conscription has not been necessary, but that also means the government has not had to face a test of whether it is strong enough to enforce conscription.

Military sources in Beirut say the army is now about 51 per cent Muslim and 49 per cent Christian, and the percentage of Christians in the officer corps has been reduced from 63 per cent to 54 per cent. Many of the new junior officers are Muslims.

That and the provisions of the new law limiting the formerly absolute authority of the commander are said to have increased Muslim support for the army as a whole. But Western analysts say the number of effective troops ready for duty is still no more than 6,000 because many units are so dominated by one group or the other that they cannot be deployed without causing more tension than they relieve.

"It's better than it was," one expert said, "but they have a long way to go. The fabric of the army is so delicate it could be destroyed overnight and the whole place could blow up any second." (WP)

'The Kreisky effect'

By Sue Masterman & Anton Koere

VIENNA, Austria — "The reason that the Socialists won in Austria and lost in Britain is that the Austrian Socialists have managed to avoid all the mistakes which the British Socialists have made," says Bruno Kreisky. The recent general elections have put the Austrian chancellor back in power for a third period of office at the head of a Socialist majority government.

"The Kreisky effect" was the main argument given after the elections for the unexpectedly high gains for the Socialists and the equally unexpected defeat of the Christian Democrats. The Socialists more than doubled their majority, increasing their share of the 183 parliamentary seats from 93 to 96. The Christian Democrats dropped from 80 to 76 seats and the Liberals gained marginally, from 10 seats to 11.

After nine years of Socialist-dominated rule it was the opposition aim to break the back of the Socialist majority, giving the chance of a right-wing coalition. They lost because, the commentators in Austria now say, they have no real alternative to offer to the government's present policies.

The Kreisky government aims to keep down unemployment and prices at all costs, even if it means a massive increase in the national debt. So far it has succeeded.

Officially unemployment is under two per cent, unofficially around three per cent. Even if it rises, as predicted, during the next six months the Austrians are in a better position than most of their West European neighbours, whose unemployment rates stand at around seven per cent. The Austrian rate of inflation, around 4.5 per cent, also remains one of the lowest.

Kreisky scored a tactical victory in separating the election from the atomic energy issue. The chancellor called a referendum last November in which the Austrians, against the government's advice, rejected the use of atomic energy by a very narrow majority. Had this issue been incorporated in the election campaign, the Socialists might have lost the narrow majority gained in the previous two elections.

The Socialists also won because Kreisky

threatened to step down as chancellor if he was not voted back as head of a majority government. He would not head a coalition, he said. There is no man currently in Austrian politics who can rival the 68-year-old "Son King" Kreisky, a weathered politician whose dictatorial attitude to his critics and opponents is accepted with remarkable ease by the electorate, as are the scandals which have surrounded his last period of office.

Kreisky was forced to sack his minister of defense over illicit arms transactions which endangered the country's neutrality. He was then personally involved in a legal wrangle with Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal. The week before the election a Dutch journalist was fined \$140 for reporting Kreisky as calling Wiesenthal a "Jewish fascist". Wiesenthal has said that he has given up trying to prosecute Nazi criminals in Austria since the courts, he claims, are prejudiced.

Kreisky's next hurdle was the scandal involving his vice-chancellor, finance minister and possible successor, Hannes Androsch, 40, Austria's financial whiz kid. Androsch is the owner of a tax consultancy which he took over on his father's death. During his seven-year period of office the business has grown from a small office to the third largest of its kind in the country.

After long negotiations within the party Androsch, who said that his business, and not Austrian politics, was his future, agreed to put the consultancy in the hands of a trust. This manoeuvre has not yet been completed.

After a few minor scandals concerning land speculation in the city of Vienna, another major incident arose when it was discovered that the minister of health had paid over \$7 million to an accounts firm which did not even have the basic qualifications for the job it was supposed to do — estimate hospital costs for the next decade — but which was affiliated to the vice-chancellor's tax consultancy.

The Socialist government's defeat in the atomic power referendum was followed by failure in two federal elections in March. But when it came to a national choice for or against Bruno Kreisky, the country chose to keep the leader they knew rather than the unknown alternatives. (OFNS)

saudi press review

Hailing the Islamic foreign ministers conference "Al-Jedrah" said: "It was up to the expectations of the Muslims and that it rose to the occasion as its resolutions were a fair expression of the spirit of Islamic solidarity in the face of the grave challenges facing Muslims. These include the Israeli aggression and occupation of Arab lands including the holy places in Jerusalem which they now declare to be their capital while they deny the rights of the Palestinians."

"Unfortunately, the Egyptian-Israeli treaty entailed an unexpected boost for the Zionists who found in it not only protection but the consecration of their annexation of Palestine and the occupation of other lands and ever increasing attacks on Lebanon."

"Fortunately, the conference has come out with laudable resolutions of which the strongest and the best was that proposed by the

Kingdom to form a supreme committee under the chairmanship of King Hassan to explain the question to the world. This was underscored by generous Saudi aid of nearly \$35 million to help the various agencies of the organization of Islamic conference in the pursuit of their goals."

Condemning current Western press attacks on Islam, "Al-Riyadh" said that western media "conveniently ignore the core of the Islamic and Arab problem — Jerusalem — and appear to be afraid of confronting Zionism. To face up to these challenges, it was necessary to hold the Fez conference. It was necessary for the Muslims to challenge the Zionists and their supporters."

"Led by Saudi Arabia, the Muslim world took the decision to regain the holy places and liberate them from Zionist domination. And through Jerusalem, Saudi Arabia proposed to launch a war

of liberation against those who profane our religious values. The Kingdom and the rest of the Muslim world realize that there cannot be any real peace without the liberation of their holy places and the rest of the occupied lands."

"Just as the West — which is aligned with Israel — was amazed by the unanimous Arab condemnation of the Camp David accords, it was surprised by the Muslim world's solidarity as it rallied around the advocate of Islamic solidarity."

"Islamic solidarity had its finest hour at the Fez conference," according to "Al-Medina".

"It showed that the Islamic world was no less indignant than the Arab world over the Egyptian-Israeli treaty. The treaty imposed on the Arabs what the Israelis want, while doing away with international resolutions and pacts. To the Muslims it meant continued occupation of their holy

places and plans for the Judaization of the holy city and destroying the Muslim shrines to build the old Jewish temple. Hence King Khaled's proposal for a special committee to explain to the world the hazards involved in continued Jewish occupation."

"The conference has revealed to the world that Jerusalem is of supreme interest to all Muslims and there can be no peace or stability in the region without regaining it."

Discussing Arab financial and economic aid to Egypt, "Al-Nadwa" said that despite the considerable sums given it by Saudi Arabia — (\$7 billion in five years) and other states, "Sadat continued to grumble about the dearth of Arab assistance."

"One wonders if Egypt will now receive as much aid as the price for its separate treaty with Israel. All that we know is the billions of dollars that the United States has

promised Egypt against the billions given to it by the Arabs as pure aid unadulterated by any kind of conditions or strings."

"The same thing may be said about the so-called territorial gains made by Egypt. They were paltry compared with its regional sovereignty and freedom in addition to abandoning its Arab brethren, principles and faith."

"Egyptian claims that the expenditures on the military will now be channelled to economic development ring hollow for we have been hearing of Egyptian war preparations for over 30 years — but they proved to be mainly useless. Now we learn that Egypt wants more modern and sophisticated arms than it sought before the separate treaty was signed."

"Egypt will have to pay dearly for these weapons, in hard currency and at astronomical prices to serve purposes other than its own and those of the Arab world."



Woman to pharmacist: His colleagues advised him to get a vitamin that pulls a few strings (U.S.A.)

Rolls-Royce reaches 75

LONDON— Seventy-five years ago, a tiny, 1.8-liter engine car designed by electrical engineer Henry Royce left a factory in Manchester for a test run. The test was a success and attracted the interest of Charles Rolls, a wealthy racing motorist and engineer. Together, the two men founded Rolls-Royce Limited, and the rest of the story is well known to motorists around the world.

From those early days in 1904, the two men designed, developed and extended their range. Four and six-cylinder cars followed, including the 1906 model later known as the Silver Ghost.

In 1978, Rolls-Royce produced 3,347 cars, some 60 per cent of which were made for the export market.

The company's latest model is the two-door, five-seat Rolls Royce Camargue. It has a 6,750 c.c. aluminium alloy V8 engine, stressed steel chassis, aluminium doors, trunk and hood and fully automatic air conditioning.



The Rolls-Royce Camargue

Resistance continues in Afghanistan

By Thomas W. Lippman

JALALABAD, Afghanistan — On the snow-topped mountains and in the remote sunless valleys of eastern Afghanistan, stubborn Muslim tribesmen are fighting a sputtering but determined war of resistance against the country's leftist government.

It is one of the least accessible conflicts of modern times, a hit-and-run campaign in mountainous terrain where there are few roads, and, at best, a few trails. The size of what is taking place is declining.

West of the war in the capital of Nuristan, the province, site of a major air base, is little sign of the fighting. In the mountains just to the west of the capital, the troops are down to 200 and tunnel along the road east of here and a camel caravan is stationed at the Khyber Pass.

According to sketchy accounts available here and in the Afghan capital of Peshawar, across the border in Pakistan, a classic guerrilla war is unfolding, match-pointed with limited weapons against the jets and artillery of the Soviet-trained Afghan armed forces.

This vest-pocket war may be unique in that it pits deeply conservative, devoutly religious guerrillas against a leftist government trying to establish its revolutionary program in the hills as it has in Kabul.

The tribesmen are resisting, just as they resisted 50 years ago when the king of Afghanistan tried to force them to unveil their women. This time they are said to be even more determined because they consider themselves to be defending Islam against atheists.

Even more than other such conflicts, it is a war without statistics and a war without reliable accounts of what is happening. The government, insisting that the entire country is secure, gives out no reports on the fighting, and the rebels have no central headquarters and no radio transmitter.

Two rival groups of Afghan tribes, operating out of bare, chilly offices in reeking alleys in Peshawar, claim leadership of the resistance.

Their occasional press releases contain what appear to be exaggerated and self-serving statistics — 1,197 government soldiers killed, three helicopters downed. But their contacts with the estimated 30,000 Afghan refugees in the Peshawar area and regular visits from fighters who cross into Pakistan's Northwest Frontier Province in search of arms provide much of the information available on the conflict.

One of the groups is the Islamic Society of Afghanistan, headed by Burhanuddin Rabbani, 38, former professor of Islamic theology at Kabul University. The other is the Islamic Party of Afghanistan, led by Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, 32, former engineering student.

Both claimed in recent interviews to be in overall command of the insurgency. They denounced the Kabul government of Premier

Nur Muhammad Taraki as communist, atheistic and repressive, and said they are trying to turn the hill country resistance into a nationwide campaign to oust Taraki in favor of an Islamic republic, like Iran.

Experienced observers of Afghan affairs, however, say it is doubtful that the guerrillas are taking orders from anyone or that they really care much about who is in power in Kabul.

Pathan tribesmen, who live on both sides of a border that has traditionally meant little to them, have a long history of resistance to control by any central government. Many observers believe they would be content if the Taraki government would merely leave them alone instead of trying to send in troops and cadres to impose the tenets of Taraki's Soviet-style revolution.

If the Pathans succeed in reasserting the independence of their local villages, it is questionable whether they can be mobilized for a national campaign to bring down the Kabul government. The danger for the Taraki government is not that the guerrillas will move closer to the capital but that the concept of resistance and the possibility of success will inspire similar outbreaks in other parts of the country.

The center of the resistance is in Kunar Province, the next one north of here, in a region known as Nuristan.

The tribesmen there were only converted to Islam in the 19th century and now said to have a convert's zeal in opposing a central government that makes little attempt to hide its antireligious sentiments.

Armed clashes in Nuristan have apparently resulted in substantial casualties and defections among government troops. The government has responded with air strikes but the planes have few rewarding targets in a region without population centers.

The conflict, though generally confined to four provinces along the Pakistan border, gives some signs of spreading and is taking on regional implications.

Although Pakistan, a Muslim country suspicious of the Kabul government, has officially disassociated itself from the rebellion, it allows the dissident organizations to operate in Peshawar. Pakistan says it is incapable of stopping arms traffic across the long, mountainous frontier.

Both the Afghan government and the dissidents appear dissatisfied with this — the government because Pakistan is not doing enough to control the rebels, the rebels because Pakistan will not give them arms and funds or allow them to make radio broadcasts across the border.

Afghan Foreign Minister Hafizullah Amin told Western correspondents recently that "without foreign interference, there would be no such counter-revolutionary activities in Afghanistan. Our revolution is a people's revolution, completely and sincerely supported by the people of the country. There is no resistance to our revolution whatsoever. But we have documents to

confirm interference."

He could not name the source of the alleged interference, but it was understood that he meant Pakistan.

Iran is not yet directly involved. But the recent success of the revolution there has lifted the spirits of the Islamic Society and the Islamic Party and perhaps of the fighters in the hills as well.

Rabbani said the Islamic Society is considering a direct approach to the new Iranian government to appeal for aid in religious grounds. Iranian aid to the Afghan rebels might prompt the Kabul government to stir up trouble inside Iran escalating the entire conflict.

According to reports on the conflict picked up here, in Kabul and in Peshawar, the traditional Pathan resistance to outside authority developed into armed conflict after the pro-Soviet coup that brought Taraki to power in April of 1978.

"They're holding out against an alien, atheist program," one informed source said. "It's not the social aspect they object to, the land reform, but the antireligious aspect."

Recent arrests by the Kabul government of prominent religious figures are reported to have reinforced the tribes' determination to resist.

Senior diplomats here believe that government troops losses amount to several hundred at least and that the rebels have been building up their strength with captured weapons. The rebels have no known regular source of arms and ammunition, but there are reliable reports of purchases on the thriving Pakistani market.

Experienced observers in Kabul and Peshawar say the insurgency is a constant annoyance to the Taraki government and is inflicting losses of life, equipment and morale on the country's conscript army.

But, they say, it does not yet threaten the central government's grip on power in the rest of Afghanistan, and will not unless the resistance spreads in scope and intensity. For that the movement appears deficient in motivation, funds, leadership and international support — the commodities that the exile groups in Peshawar are now trying to provide.

At least one of the groups, the Islamic Society, has developed to the point where it is running refugee camps that may also be used for training guerrillas and is able to arrange visits for journalists willing to put in two weeks to travel to rebel areas of Kunar.

The rebel commander there, Rabbani said, is a tribesman identified only as Obaidullah, who has surrounded himself with tough and well armed subordinates and claims to have taken scores of prisoners. That claim is supported by photographs said to have been taken in Kunar showing young men identified as soldiers under the guard of rebel fighters.

Though diplomatic analysts say the rebel movement suffers from the lack of a prominent figure who could be identified as a leader and guide, Hekmatyar said that is not actually a weakness, only an indi-

cation that the rebellion is still in an early stage.

"A year ago," he said, "whoever heard of Khomeini?" — (WP)

Paintings of an exiled aristocrat

By Joyce Prince

RIYADH — Her paintings are contemplative, focused on the pastoral landscape of Tyrolean Austria. She follows a Classical school of representation, but adds the rough texture of palette knives and color schemes so bold that they overpower the subtlety of the subjects.

It is the sort of painting one might expect from an exiled aristocrat, and that, one generation removed, is what Princess Xenia Scherbatoff is.

The Princess, 48, is from a St. Petersburg family that found its zenith under the czars before Petersburg became Leningrad and imperial Russia became the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

For the last week, Scherbatoff has been staging an exhibition of all paintings here at the Al-Nahda Philanthropic Society, under the patronage of Princess Nour ibn Abdul Aziz.

"My first teacher was my mother, who started me with the paintings of flowers," Scherbatoff says. "Perhaps that explains why they are what I love to paint the most."

The Scherbatoff family fled St. Petersburg under the shadows of a world war and Bolshevism, first to Cannes and later in Paris. It was in Paris that the Princess first began studying art, at the age of 17, eventually settling on palette knives and paste in communicating the chemistry of her emotions and perceptions.

"It brings much more life to a painting, makes it much more striking in contrast than the brush," she explains.

The paste, "medium d'Empatement," thickens the oils. For tactile and sensual bulk and dries quickly. Thus the solidness and quiet of her mountains, the

serenity of her autumnal landscapes.

There were several schools in Paris during her early years as an artist, the searching years. Then, like other women with innate abilities, Princess Xenia's career was interrupted by war, travel and the raising of children.

"I was unable to paint during these times, but all the while I felt my talent very close within," she says. "When I was finally able to pursue my painting fulltime, it all just spilled out on canvas, at times even surprising myself."

Her use of color was the one item she found most surprising. She applies color spontaneously, judging the result when the consequence is in hand. All the while, she has retained a consistent motivation to recreate the beautiful scenes around her.

Most of those scenes now are of Austria, where she and her husband live in a Tyrolean chalet. She works from photographs of the countryside.

"Today very few artists work from the actual scene site. The light changes so rapidly, and too, we are all so mobile these days."

For the artist, the exhibition is the culmination of a painstaking involvement in a private universe suddenly made public. It honors the finances, but above all it reconstructs the changing experience necessary in the struggle for perception.

"The changes are always very evident in my exhibitions," Scherbatoff says. "Every display is a big effort, and I feel I make a big league of improvement through them."

Her exhibitions have been held in Paris, Nassau, New Orleans, Geneva, Beirut and, last November, at the Alitar Gallery in Kuwait. There are different canvases for different audiences.



Princess Xenia Scherbatoff

"When I paint for the European or Western market, my paintings aren't as large and therefore are a little different in price," she says. "However, I brought my larger paintings to Saudi Arabia. People here tend to have larger walls and enjoy the larger depictions."

The canvases on exhibit in

France's oldest art salons, her work was selected along with that of 100 other French artists by the Soviet Ministry of Culture that year for two exhibitions in the USSR. One was held at the Pushkin Museum in Moscow. The second took place at the Hermitage Palace in Leningrad.



Scherbatoff with Tyrolean landscapes

Riyadh cost about SR10,000 each.

In one of life's ironies, Princess Xenia's work returned from exile in 1975. As a member of one of

The Riyadh exhibition is open through Sunday, May 13, at the Al-Nahda Philanthropic Society's headquarters in Suleimaniya, from 9 a.m. — 1 p.m. and again from 5 — 8 p.m. Women only.

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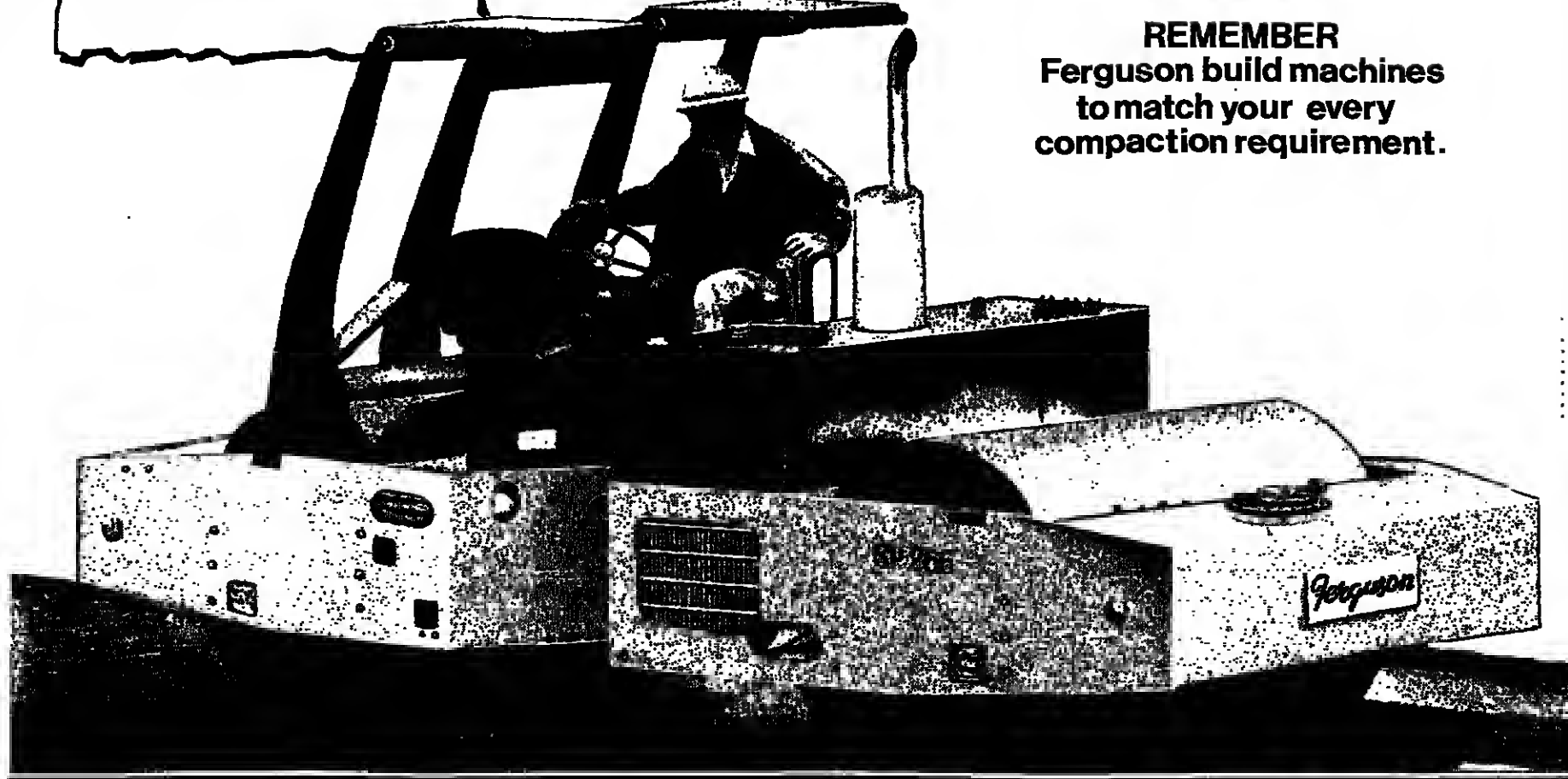
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WESTPHAL: Phoenix' Paul Westphal poured in 27 points as the Suns rallied to overcome the Spurs and go 3-2 up in the playoff.

Spurs, Suns set for title clash

NEW YORK, May 12 (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs and the Phoenix Suns are within one victory each of facing each other in the National Basketball Association championship series after triumphs Friday night.

The Spurs took a commanding three-games-to-one lead in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference

finals by drubbing the defending NBA champion Washington Bullets, 118-102. Regular-season scoring champ George Gervin was a one-man gang for San Antonio with 42 points — 20 of them in the third quarter, when the Spurs took command of the game.

The Suns took a 3-2 lead in the Western Conference finals, also a

best-of-seven set, with a 99-93 victory over the defending conference champion Seattle SuperSonics. The Suns rallied from a five-point half time deficit for the victory. Paul Westphal led Phoenix with 27 points.

Both the Spurs and Suns can earn berths in the finals with victories Sunday.

But stays ahead

Watson slides in Dallas mud

DALLAS, May 12 (AP) — Battling miserable playing conditions, defending champion Tom Watson struggled to a two-over-par 72 Friday to own the 36-hole lead in the clubhouse in the weather-battered \$300,000 Byron Nelson golf classic, with darkness catching almost a third of the field before play could be completed.

Watson lost two strokes to par

over the swamped Preston Trail Golf Club after this opening round of six-under-par 64. He finished at four-under-par 136.

Australia's Bruce Devlin bungled on with a one-over-par 71 after an opening round of 66 to stay within a stroke of Watson, a two-time winner here and the current money leader on the professional tour.

Players with a chance to catch Watson when second round play resumed Saturday morning included Larry Nesen, who holed a 162-yard, 4-iron shot for an eagle on the No. 2 hole and was seven-under-par for the tournament with two holes to play.

Others also in contention when play was halted were Lanny Wadkins, who was five-under-par with two holes to play, George Burns, who was five-under with three holes left and Calvin Peete, who was four-under-par also with

three left.

It was a long, muddy day for Watson who had to tee off at 8 a.m. to play one hole to complete Thursday's opening round.

Heavy rain, winds gusting to 17 mph and 55-degree temperatures numbed the early players. Watson went bogey, double bogey, par and bogey on the final four holes after the first rain delay.

Watson was eight under after touring the front nine of the course in a two-under-par 33. He stumbled home in four-over-par 39. He hooked a drive into a water-filled ravine on the par-four 16th hole, got on the green in four and two-putted.

In Atlanta, Ga. Pam Higgins, a 10-year veteran fighting tendonitis in both elbows, fired a six-under-par 67 Friday and surged into a two-shot lead in the opening round of a \$100,000 Ladies Professional Golf Association tournament.

Palace clinches 2nd Division ; Liverpool still on record track

LONDON, May 12 (R) — Crystal Palace clinched the English Second Division soccer championship and promotion to Division One by beating Burnley, 2-0, here Friday night.

A point would have put the London club up but Burnley held out until the 77th minute when Ian Walsh headed home from Vince Milaire's cross. Dave Swindlehurst hit the second two minutes from time.

Kingston clocks fail

Brilliant Nehemiah run leaves record standing

KINGSTON, Jamaica, May 12 (AP) — Renaldo Nehemiah, unnerved by official indecision over whether to disqualify Cuba's Alejandro Casanas, still ran one of the fastest 110-meter hurdles in history Friday night at the Norman Manley Games.

After a long delay and controversy over a malfunction of the electric timing, Nehemiah's official clocking was given as 12.8 seconds hand-timed.

Unfortunately for the brilliant University of Maryland student, hand-timed events between 100' and 400 meters are not recognized world marks by the International Amateur Athletic Federation, the world governing body.

Cuba's Alberto Juantorena shook off injuries to win the 400-meter race in one of the best fields ever entered in the Norman Manley games.

Last Sunday, in the University of California at Los Angeles Invitational, Nehemiah clipped an amazing 16-100ths of a second off his three-week-old mark of 13.16 with a time of 13.00. The 12.8 clocking Friday night was the fastest hand-timed 110-meter hurdles race in history.

His outstanding performance came despite the row over Casanas.

The Cuban was at first disqualified for two false starts, to wild boos from crowd of 25,000 at the National Stadium. The disgraced Casanas then walked down the middle of the field, swinging his sweat pants around.

But after he had gone about 50 yards, he was told to go back to the starting line by a meet official. Casanas' mood changed quickly and he immediately jogged back to join the other competitors.

Just as he reached the starting line again, Casanas was officially ordered out of the race and it went without another hitch — until it was time to check the official clocking.

Originally, Nehemiah was

Somerset heads cricket league

LONDON, May 12 (R) — Somerset took advantage of a rainy day which forced several postponements to move to the top of the English County Cricket League with a ten-wicket victory over Northamptonshire Friday.

In the only other match, Yorkshire, after a first innings 151 not out from Geoff Boycott, had to settle for a draw against Derbyshire.

Derbyshire reached 200 for six in reply to Yorkshire's 299 for seven when time ran out.

The Crystal Palace win meant Sunderland stays the Second Division and pushed already promoted Brighton and Stoke down to second and third places.

Champion Liverpool beat Middlesbrough, 1-0, and stays on course for a First Division points record of 68. A second-half goal by David Johnson took it 66 with one match remaining.

Arsenal went into Saturday's Football Association Cup Final

against Manchester United knowing it may have to win to ensure a place in one of the European competitions next season.

Ipswich put the pressing on their European Football Union (UEFA) Cup hopes by beating Queen's Park Rangers, 4-0. Rangers was watched by new manager Tommy Docherty, the former Derby boss.

Goals by Eric Butcher, Alan Brazil and Eric Gates (two) swamped Rangers and gave Ipswich a total of 49 points and a goal difference of 14.

Arsenal, with one game to play, is two points adrift and has a goal difference of 13.

Docherty was set to take over relegated Queen's Park Rangers for the second time in his controversial career.

Docherty managed the London club in 1968 but left after just 29 days after a row with chairman Jim Gregory.

He said: "It was the chairman who enticed me back. He is a man of decision like myself and showed he wanted me again."

Results	
English League	
Division One	
Villa	0 WBA 1
Middlesbrough	0 Liverpool 1
QPR	0 Ipswich 4
Division Two	
Cardiff	0 West Ham 0
Palace	2 Burnley 0
Oldham	4 Millwall 1
Division Three	
Manfield	2 Lincoln 0
Peterborough	3 Hull 0
Sheff. Wed.	2 Swindon 0
Swansea	2 Chel. field 1
Division Four	
Crewe	2 Rochdale 0
Wimbledon	2 York 1
Scottish League	
Premier Division	
Patrick	1 Aberdeen 2
St. Mirren	0 Celtic 2

Comaneci sails back to sweep Europe title

COPENHAGEN, May 12 (AP) — Romania's Nadia Comaneci staged a stunning comeback to win the combined exercises of the 12th Women's European Gymnastics Championships Friday.

At 17, the Romanian became the first to win the European title three times in a row.

The 1976 Olympic champion demonstrated a new confidence and a new style that she hopes will enable her to regain the world title that she lost last year to Elena Mukhina of the Soviet Union. The championship will be held later this year in Dallas.

Fifteen-year-old Emilia Eberle made it a double Romanian triumph by placing second ahead of the Soviet Union's Natalia Shaposhnikova, a 14-year-old. The Soviet teenager scored the day's highest marks for a breathtaking routine on the beam which earned her 9.55 out of a possible 10.00.

The 12-year-old Mukhina finished a distant fourth as she made errors and trailed her Romanian rivals.

Comaneci scored a total of

39.75 for the title and the gold. Eberle chalked up 38.85 for the silver and Shaposhnikova took the bronze with 38.75 against Mukhina's disappointing 38.70.

With the two Romanians finishing 1-2, the balance of power in women's gymnastics has shifted from the Soviet dominance at last year's world championships when Soviet girls took all the medals.

Comaneci, whose total score was a European championship record was happy to say: "Now I am back on the right track."

Comaneci said she would be back at the world championships in Dallas, Texas, in a bid to regain her title. But she added that the routine she had shown Friday was not the one with which she plans to defend her Olympic title in Moscow next year.



VICTIM: Mark "The Bird" Fidrych grimaces as he tosses a pitch but he was fit for three Milwaukee runs in the sixth and Detroit, and Fidrych, ended up 5-1 losers.

Brewers spoil return of Detroit's Bird, 5-1

NEW YORK, May 12 (AP) — Detroit's Mark "The Bird" Fidrych, making his first regular-season American League home appearance in more than a year, was victimized by three Milwaukee runs in the sixth inning Friday night — two on a double by Paul Molitor — and the Brewers defeated the Tigers 5-1.

In the National League, Doug Rau of the Los Angeles Dodgers came within four outs of pitching the season's second no-hitter, then settled for a one-hit, 7-0 rout of the Montreal Expos.

Larry Sorensen of the Brewers scattered five Detroit hits while Fidrych, coming slowly back from arm injuries, lost his first decision of the year. The only damage off Sorensen was a leadoff homer in the fifth by Lance Parrish.

The Brewers' sixth began with a leadoff double by ex-Tiger Ben Oglivie. One out later, Fidrych walked Gorman Thomas intentionally. Then Ray Fosse doubled home Oglivie and chased Fidrych. Jack Billingham struck out Buck Martinez but Molitor doubled to left.

In another AL game, Carl Yastrzemski and Butch Hobson had two hits apiece in an eight run fourth inning as the Boston Red Sox battered the Oakland A's 11-2.

Don Baylor hit a three-run homer in the fourth inning and Jim Barr scattered eight hits for his first AL victory as the California Angels defeated the New York Yankees, 4-1. Reggie Jackson bonered for the Yanks.

Ninth-inning doubles by Ron Jackson and Bob Randall broke a tie and gave the Minnesota twins a 4-3 victory over the Cleveland

Indians. Bill Nahorodny and Ralph Garman cracked two-run homers to lead the Chicago White Sox to a 5-1 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

The Baltimore Orioles' homers from Al Bumbry and Joe Loweinstein and six-hit pitching from Steve Stone to drub the Seattle Mariners, 8-3.

In the Los Angeles-Montreal National League game, Chad Speier's two-out single in the eighth inning: a clean bounce over third baseman Ron Cey's head, ruined Rau's no-hit bid. The four Dodger home runs gave him all the support he needed to beat the Expos and get his first victory after four defeats.

The Dodgers' game winner Bill' as Dave Lopes, Ce and Gary Thomas.

John steams a homer to lead the to a 4-0 victory over Padres.

Bob Knepper's shutout innings and no man scoring double to lead the Francisco Giants' victory over the Philadelphia Phillies, his critics.

Jeff Burroughs' lead case by in the seventh inning gave sur-Bob Forsch's no-hit bid.

gaged the Atlanta Braves' triumph over the St. Louis Cardinals. Bob Forsch, who finally oo-hitter last year, is the Simon brother of Houston's Ken Putsch who buried a no-hitter agay as Braves on April 7.

Barry Foote's run-scoring ble highlighted a three-run inning for Chicago and the went on to defeat the Houston Astros, 5-3.

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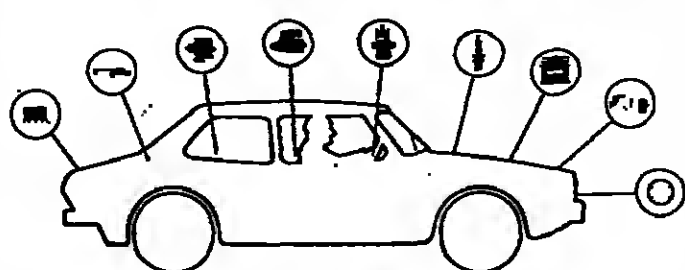
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Carter officials considering odd-even rationing

WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP) — Officials in the administration of President Jimmy Carter, their stand-by rationing authority, are debating whether to draw up an odd-even plan for gasoline sales in the United States.

Unlike rationing, which would be used in case of a severe oil shortage, the odd-even sales plan would be designed for use on short notice. The plan, already in use in parts of California, limits gasoline sales on even-numbered days to cars with even-numbered license plates, and likewise on odd-numbered days.

It is still unclear whether the president has authority to impose an odd-even plan on a national scale. And it is not yet clear whether White House officials will decide to draw one up, sources say. But it is very clear Carter will not propose another rationing plan.

After rewriting his own proposal several times, the president's stand-by rationing authority from the Senate. But the House rejected the plan Thursday in a 46-159 vote that Carter said left him "shocked and...embarrassed" over the nation's government.

Role of dollar seen declining by U.S. official

WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP) — Anthony Solomon, U.S. Undersecretary of the Treasury for Monetary Affairs, predicted Friday that the role of the dollar will gradually decline in the world.

He said the United States does not wish to preclude a "significant role for the dollar," but the dollar's present role is "the product of an evolutionary process — a process that will continue, and that may bring a reduction in the dollar's relative role in the future," he said.

The size of the U.S. economy has declined, compared with the rest of the world, over the past 20 years, he noted. In 1960, the United States produced 30 per cent of all the goods and services in the world. In 1978, that was down to 23 per cent.

"If we should have a serious interruption of gasoline and oil supplies, our nation would be unprepared to deal with it," Carter told reporters at the White House Friday. "I challenge the Congress within the next 90 days to develop their own rationing plan — fair, equitable and balanced."

But Senate aides who work closely with energy legislation say there is little chance that will happen. Sen. Henry Jackson, D-Wash., who chairs the Senate Energy Committee, has said repeatedly there is no such thing as an equitable rationing plan.

Meanwhile, U.S. government officials and private forecasters say a worsening gasoline shortage this summer would increase chances of an economic slowdown or national recession.

Federal Reserve Board Chairman William Miller said Friday the gasoline shortage, especially if it spreads nationwide, "increases the risk of recession."

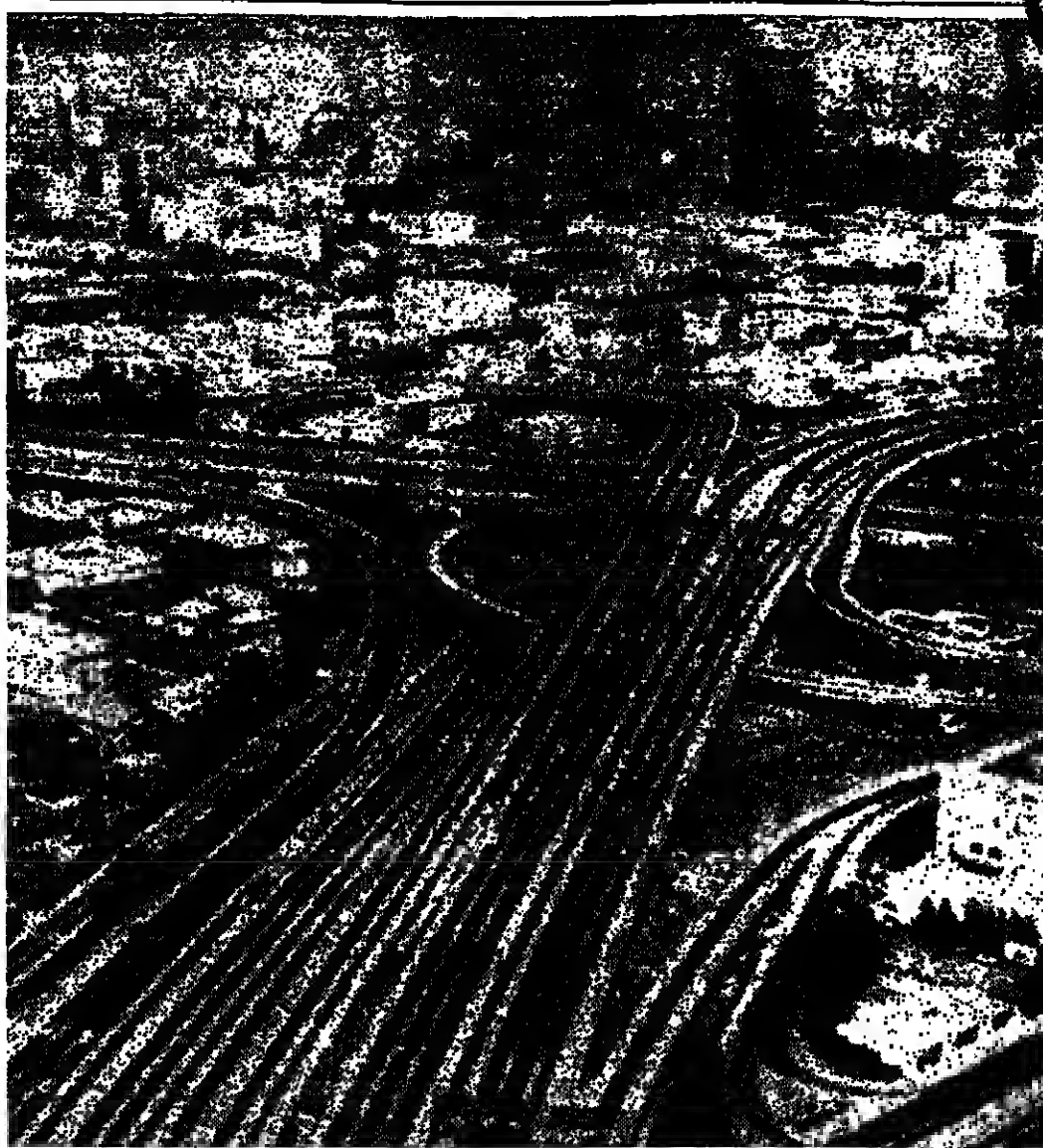
Miller, who heads the U.S. central bank, spoke in Hot Springs, Virginia to the Business Council, a group of 100 top corporate leaders whose own analysts predict a mild recession by mid-year.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal, also addressing the group, concurred that a slowdown was in the offing. And two economic indicators released by the Commerce Department seemed to support the slowdown prediction. Inventories held by business jumped 1.3 per cent in March, nearly 50 per cent more than they increased in February, the department reported Friday.

On Thursday, Commerce reported retail sales rose only 0.5 per cent in April, half the rate of the month before.

When inflation is taken into account, retail sales have fallen for three successive months. And a recent survey by the Conference Board, a New York-based research group, reports that consumers plan to cut purchases of durable goods, including cars and home appliances, in the next six months.

The Business Council's report Friday forecast a "pronounced, although mild recession."



SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME? This normally packed Los Angeles freeway interchange is almost deserted last Sunday morning. With most California gas stations remaining closed over the weekend because of short supplies, this scene could become a more common one. Pictured is the intersection of the Santa Monica and Harbor Freeways in downtown Los Angeles.

Many stations closed

U.S. gas hunt on for weekend

NEW YORK, May 12 (AP) — Some drivers on American highways are finding normal supplies of gasoline this weekend. Others find no gas at all. But the hunt for fuel could become more desperate next weekend if dealers' associations make good a threat to close their stations for four days.

California motorists jammed stations Friday as automobile club officials predicted nearly two-thirds of the Los Angeles area stations would close Saturday and Sunday. Lines spilled onto freeways and caused traffic jams of up to eight miles (12 kilometers) on the third day of gas rationing in some of California's most populous counties.

On the other side of the United States, in New York and New Jersey, officials said there was no

talk of rationing. However, the Automobile Club of New York predicted nearly half the metropolitan area's stations would be closed Sunday. One estimate was that 60 per cent of New Jersey's 5,000 gas stations would close Sunday.

In Wisconsin, fewer than half the stations checked by the Automobile Association of America planned to close Sunday. AAA officials predicted most Colorado residents outside Denver, where 75 per cent of the stations were to close, should find stations open Sunday.

The Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce urged residents of that Nevada city to buy their gas during the week, leaving weekend supplies for tourists. Florida's energy office said there were reports of weekend closings in central and

southern counties.

Meanwhile, gasoline dealers upset at federal price controls have threatened to close their stations from May 17 to May 20. The U.S. Justice Department said Friday it could seek a court order to halt the protest if an investigation showed the associations were cooperating in violation of anti-trust laws.

While the spotlight has been on the gasoline shortages, a growing shortage of diesel fuel could deal a staggering blow to America's farming, mining and fishing industries.

Stock exchange merger seen no longer in cards

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, West Virginia, May 12 (AP) — Leading stock brokers, who have long been pushing for a merger of the New York and American Stock Exchanges, in effect conceded defeat this past week.

But while shelving their campaign for a full-scale merger of the two Wall Street institutions, they also voted to pursue a more modest goal.

It would involve combining a number of present and planned operations of the two exchanges, such as trading in stock options and financial-future contracts, as well as administrative facilities.

"It may be that the merger of the Amex and NYSE is an idea whose time has not yet come (or may have passed)," said a background memo prepared for the Securities Industry Association for the trade groups annual spring meeting here.

Edward O'Brien, the SIA's president, acknowledged in an interview that no outright NYSE-Amex merger was in prospect "for the foreseeable future."

The association began advocating a merger in 1974, with the primary aim of cutting brokers' costs by eliminating parallel facilities.

"The exchanges' initial reaction to the merger suggestion was positive, if less than enthusiastic," the SIA memo said. "Each body appointed a committee to study and negotiate the basic contours of a merger and extensive talks were held."

But the talks soon bogged down on antitrust issues and other problems as well.

For one thing, the idea evidently met with a chilly reception from a number of the blue chip companies listed on the big board. "An NYSE poll of its listed companies appeared to reveal a strong concern that merger with the Amex would dilute the value which those companies felt attached to their listings," as the memo put it.

Wall Street up 1.64 on Friday

NEW YORK, May 12 — After opening in positive territory and remaining there throughout the day, the market closed up 1.64 Friday. Transports added .93 and utilities rose .60. Volume of trading was 24.1 million. Breadth was on the positive side with gainers outnumbering losers by a slight margin. The American Exchange Index closed up .72 to 176.41.

U.S. business inventories jumped 1.3 per cent in March, but the inventory sales ratio declined to 1.37 because of a strong 3.8 per cent surge in sales.

The most active for the day were Crown Zellerbach down 1 1/2 to 39 1/2, Bally gained 2 to 64 1/2, Sears off 1/2 to 19, Caesars World gained 2 to 57 1/2, McDonnell Douglas fell 3/4 to 28 1/2, United Tech up 1/4 to 37 1/2, Ramada Inns rose 1/2 to 10 1/4, General Public Utilities added 1/2 to 9 1/2, GM fell 1 to 57 1/2.

Growth and glamors turned in a positive performance with Merck up 1 1/4 to 65 1/2, Revlon added 1/4 to 45, Honeywell up 1/2 to 65, Fairchild Camera rose 1/2, Hewlett Packard advanced 1 1/2 to 89 1/2, and Philip Morris up 1/2 to 66 1/2.

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Meetings postponed

Third World split at UNCTAD

MANILA, May 12 (R) — Third World countries Friday failed to reach agreement on their bargaining position at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

For the second straight day, they asked that meetings of the eight negotiating committees be cancelled while they tried to sort out their differences.

The industrial powers, which arrived in Manila with well-prepared briefs, expressed impatience at a closed meeting but decided against a formal protest to the Group of 77 — actually 119 developing countries.

Arab attempts to isolate Egypt because of its peace treaty with Israel appeared to have failed early

in the week when an Egyptian, Samir Moukhtar, was elected to represent the developing world in the committee on the transfer of technology.

But six other Third World negotiators were appointed to the committee Thursday and some Arabs were now trying to oust Moukhtar, conference sources said.

Almost an entire week has been wasted and the fear is that the attempts towards agreement, launched with the opening speeches, will fall away if a proper start is not made, one diplomat said.

At the plenary session Friday the International Monetary Fund (IMF) called on the industrial-

ized powers to increase aid to poor nations, and Iraq suggested a new fund to counter the effects of inflation in the Third World.

Iraq said that if the industrialized nations including the Communist bloc, would put up money, oil-exporting countries would provide enough to counter-balance the inflationary effects of oil price rises.

But his suggestion received no response from Andrew Young, the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, who said that the United States was unable to pledge more funds at the moment because of political problems at home.

The major problem for the developing countries had been the organizing of their priorities and the realization that the Group of 77 was now no more than a loose collection of factions, according to Third World sources.

Working from a vast "shopping list" of demands for improvements in trade, aid and the international economic order, the Third World delegations were trying to put together 22 formal resolutions expected to be put forward in the month-long conference next week.

EEC to weigh U.K. Conservative policy

CAHORS, Southern France, May 12 (R) — The new British Conservative government's foreign policy was to be a focus of attention when Common Market foreign ministers meet informally near here Saturday.

The meeting will be the first opportunity for Britain's eight partners in the European community to meet Lord Carrington since he was made foreign secretary following the British elections last week.

They can be expected to sound out Lord Carrington on his pledge to seek better relations with the EEC partners and on his government's attitude towards Rhodesia in the light of latest developments.

The ministers begin their two days of talks on the international situation, with particular reference to the community, over lunch at a chateau seven kilometers from this historic city.

There is no formal agenda at these twice-yearly weekend gatherings of the nine foreign ministers, and each is only allowed to bring one official with him.

EEC Commission President Roy Jenkins will also take part.

The ministers will be able to assess the community's position amid the crisis provoked by the slow-down of oil supplies from Iran, as well as the political implications of the revolution there for



FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Saturday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.38	3.39	3.39
Pound Sterling	6.94	7.05	7.02
Deutsche Mark (100)	178.00	178.75	178.60
Swiss F (100)	197.00	198.50	197.75
French F (100)	77.00	77.75	77.50
Italian Lira (1000)	4.00	4.02	4.02
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	105.50	104.50
Syrian Lira (100)	—	76.50	87.00
Egyptian Pound	—	4.70	4.56
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.25	12.21
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.14	11.10
Emirate Dirham (100)	—	88.50	88.20
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	89.50	90.00
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.90	8.85
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	41.00	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	74.50	74.50
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	76.75	87.00
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	—	40.90
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	34.35
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	27.350	—
Gold kg	—	3,100	—
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Silver kg bar	1.58	—	—
Japanese yen (100)	2.93	—	—
Canadian dollar	1.12	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.64	—	—
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Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Ministry of Education	Maintaining of ministry's engineering department building	22/M	1000	June 2
Directorate General of Girls' Colleges	Scientific apparatus and chemical materials	15-98/99	500	July 7
Department of Water & Sewage, Eastern Province	Spare parts of crane model MT-9	4K-98/99	100	June 5
Saudi Red Crescent Society, Riyadh	Supplying of drugs and Chemical materials	—	300	June 2
" " "	Supplying of medical equipment	—	150	May 27
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5. Side window defogger that helps maintain high visibility at all times.
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7. Three point emergency locking retractor seat belts hold you and your front seat passenger securely and comfortably.
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China, Jordan sign trade pact

HONG KONG, May 12 (R) — China and Jordan Saturday signed a trade agreement in Peking, the New China News Agency reported. The agreement was signed by Chinese Vice Minister of Foreign Trade Jia Shi and Jordanian Ambassador to China Kamal Al Hamoud, the agency said. It gave no details.

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Middle East Shipping Information

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Venezuela official visits Kuwait

KUWAIT May 12 (AP) — Humberto Calderon Berti, Venezuela's energy and mines minister, Saturday conferred with Kuwait's oil minister, Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah, on future oil prices and the gap between supply and demand on the international oil market. Berti arrived here late Friday on the first stop of a tour of Arab oil producing states, which like Venezuela are members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). During his visit he will also discuss a formula for linking oil prices to the price of manufactured goods, Berti told newsmen. After his three-day stay here Berti will fly on to Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Iraq.

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KING ABDUL AZIZ PORT
DAMMAM

SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF

CHANGES PAST 48 HRS. DATE: 16. 6. 1979/12.5.1979
TIME: 0700 HRS.

Vessels	Name of the Ship	Agent	Type of cargo	Arrival Date
1	MARIA ZAKELINA-S	GOSAIBI	CABLES	11.5.79
2	TEKOA	KANOO	FREEZER/GEN	9.5.79
3	TERRIER	BARBER	GEN/CONTS	10.5.79
4	GLADSTONE STAR	BARBER	REEFER/GEN	10.5.79
5	NEDLOID STEENKERK	KANOO	GEN/CONTS	11.5.79
6	ELSE KILDE	KANOO	GENERAL	10.5.79
7	MARITIME TRADER	ALSAADA	GEN/CONTS	9.5.79
8	KOTA TANJONG	GULF	LOADING UREA	7.5.79
9	SKY	GOSAIBI	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	7.5.79
10	ARAB AL HUJAZ	S C S C	GENERAL	8.5.79
11	WAKAMIZU MARU	ALIREZA	GENERAL	11.5.79
12	ATLANTIS	ALIREZA	GENERAL	9.5.79
13	WENONNA	S E A	GENERAL	6.5.79
14	YONG FONG LU	GOSAIBI	GEN/CONTS	9.5.79
15	BRAUNFELS	ALIREZA	GENERAL	11.5.79
16	SILVER CLOUD	GOSAIBI	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	5.5.79
17	PACIFIC PRIDE	GOSAIBI	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	11.5.79
18	NEW EXCELLENCE (D.B)	ALIREZA	BULK CEMENT	8.5.79
19	N AFSTRALOS	GULF	STEEL BARS	1.5.79
20	S KATORI MARU	GULF	STEEL/GEN	8.5.79
21	MEJJI MARU	GULF	PLANT MATERIAL/STEEL	8.5.79
22	ANANGEL ENOEAVOUR	BARBER	STEEL PRODUCTS/GEN	7.5.79
23	PANAGIS-C	GOSAIBI	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	6.5.79

VESSELS WORKING AT ANCH
ZEUS — 1 S.M.C BULK CEMENT 8.5.79

2- RECENT ARRIVALS				
GLADSTONE STAR	BARBER	REEFER/GENERAL	10.5.79	
NEDLOID STEENKERK	KANOO	GEN/CONTS	11.5.79	
WAKAMIZU MARU	ALIREZA	GENERAL	11.5.79	
MARIA ZAKELINA-S	GOSAIBI	CABLES	11.5.79	
TERRIER	BARBER	GEN/CONTS	10.5.79	
PACIFIC PRIDE	GOSAIBI	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	11.5.79	
BRAUNFELS	ALIREZA	GENERAL	11.5.79	
OAKLAND	REZAYAT	CONTAINERS	10.5.79	

3- VESSELS EXPECTED WITH IN 24 HOURS				
BALTIC WASK	GULF			
STRATHOIRK	KANOO			
KHALI STAR	S E A			
TURQUISE BOUNTY	GULF			
KHALI SEA	S E A			
HOEGH ORRIS	KANOO			
AFGIS SONIC	AL SAADA			

4- TONNAGES DISCHARGED: (FREIGHT TONS): 103,771
5- WAITING TIME: NIL

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SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF

12TH MAY 1979

1-VESSELS DISCHARGING	BERTH	VESEL	AGENT	CARGO	ARR. DATE
1	A	—	—	—	—
2	—	—	—	—	—
3	—	—	—	—	—
4	—	—	—	—	—
5	MED FREEZER	—	O.C.E.	Frozen Poultry	6/5/79
6	HERB EVERETT	—	M.E.S.A.	Benenas	5/5/79
7	CHAR LO	—	Abdallah	Contra./General/Steel	7/5/79
8	—	—	—	—	—
9	—	—	—	—	—
10	FAIR WIND	—	Venus	Steel/Timber/General	28/4/79
11	—	—	—	—	—
12	TOFALOS 'G'	—	M.T.A.	Timber/General	10/5/79
13	UNION BALTIMORE	—	O.C.E.	Contra./Steel/Timber	11/5/79
14	—	—	—	—	—
15	—	—	—	—	—
16	—	—	—	—	—
17	—	—	—	—	—
18	—	—	—	—	—
19	KIWI ARROW	—	Alsebah	Bulk Cement	11/5/79
20	—	—	—	—	—
21	FUZLAAN	—	S.E.A.	Cement	4/5/79
22	MARITIME ALLIANCE	—	Baroom	Cement	10/5/79
23	STALO 2	—	A. A.	Accommodation Ship	3/5/79
24	FILIPINAS SAUDI 1	—	S.A.M.A.	—	—
25	—	—	—	—	—
26	ANEMOS	—	M.T.A.	Containers	11/5/79
27	—	—	—	—	—
28	—	—	—	—	—
29	DESANMAR	—	Ori	Softwood	8/5/79
30	FALCON	—	Sadaka	Trucks/General	9/5/79
31	EVANGELIA	—	Alsaada	—	8/5/79
32	—	—	—	—	—
33	—	—	—	—	—
34	—	—	—	—	—
35	RO RO	—	—	—	—
36	TOR BELGIA	—	Fayez	Contra./Trailers/Vehicles	10/5/79
37	—	—	—	—	—
38	—	—	—	—	—
39	—	—	—	—	—
40	—	—	—	—	—
41	—	—	—	—	—
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49	—	—	—	—	—
50	—	—	—	—	—

4- TONNAGES DISCHARGED: (FREIGHT TONS): 53,389
5- WAITING TIME: NIL

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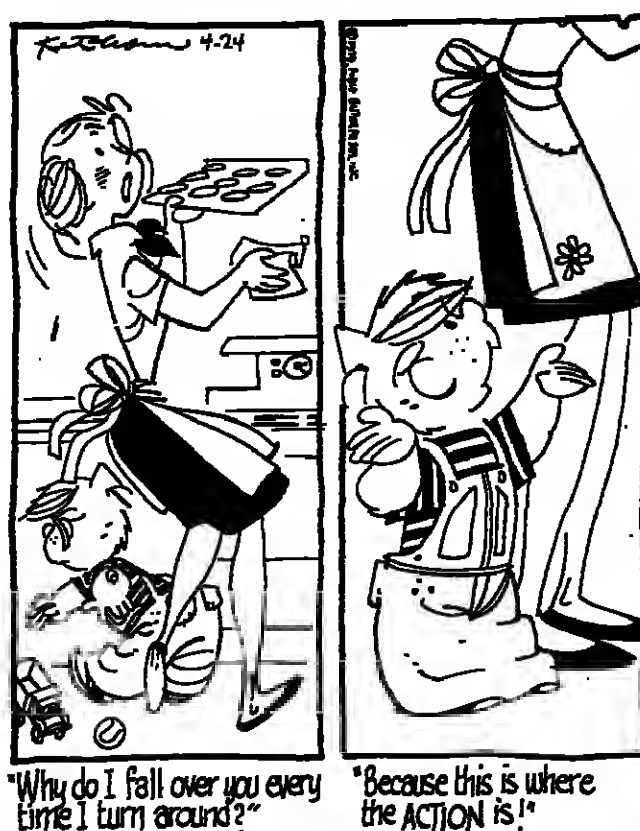
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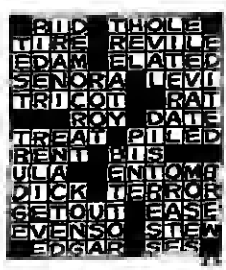
"Why do I fall over you every time I turn around?"

"Because this is where the action is!"

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

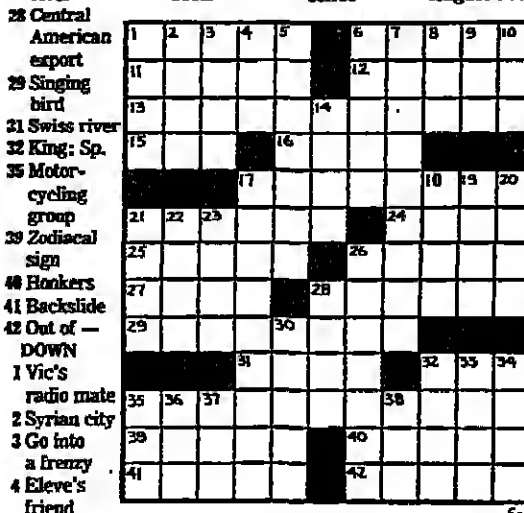
Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS
- Churchill's daughter
 - Ice
 - Texas cottonwood
 - Infuse with joy
 - Wynning national monument
 - Dutch commune
 - Spring
 - Made plump
 - Holy place
 - Metrical unit
 - Found out
 - Have evening
 - French river
 - Central American export
 - Singing bird
 - Swiss river
 - King: Sp.
 - Motor-cycling group
 - Zodiacal sign
 - Bankers
 - Backslide
 - Out of — DOWN
 - Vic's radio mate
 - Syrian city
 - Go into a frenzy
 - Eleve's friend



Yesterday's Answer

- D.C. Army hospital
- Dancer with many fans
- Napoleonic victory site
- Silent film beauty
- With "demi," it means "coffee"
- Franklin's tongue: abbr.



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

PWLRONXTNA IN LRF ASLRFB
SQ FQSB, TWI IXLSC
XL WSLRXV VBFTL ITN
FOFB TZZSAHGXRNU. —
BTGRH ITCUS FAFBNSW

Yesterday's Cryptquote: ENJOY THE LITTLE YOU HAVE, WHILE THE FOOL IS HUNTING FOR MORE. — SPANISH SAYING

Believe It or Not!



IN A 7-HORSE RACE AT SANTA ANITA PARK, CA, FINISHED IN THE SAME ORDER AS THEIR POST POSITIONS (3-19-77) Submitted by James Crosby Hollywood, Ca.

A PNEUMATIC Mallet FOR DENTISTS WAS ADVERTISED IN THE EARLY 1900S AS "GIVING A BLOW CLOSELY RESEMBLING THAT OF A HAND Mallet"

A LIFE-SIZED STATUE OF PRINCESS NOFRET OF EGYPT'S 4th DYNASTY, WAS PLACED IN HER TOMB TO GIVE HER SPIRIT A HOME IN CASE HER Mummy DISINTEGRATED

Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

Famous Hand

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

WEST

EAST

SOUTH

The bidding:

West North East South

Pass Pass 10 4+

Opening lead — seven of diamonds.

This remarkable deal was played in the 1978 national team of four championship in France. At the first table, South put to four spades on the bidding shown and West led a diamond. East won with the ten, continued with the ace, and next played the king of diamonds. South ruffed with the nine and led a fourth round of diamonds. South confidently ruffed with the queen, young Pilon confidently overruffed with the king, and declarer unexpectedly went down one.

ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

Sunday	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	4:25	5:50	12:24	3:42	6:53	8:23
Medina	4:17	5:37	12:24	3:51	6:58	8:28
Nejd	3:51	5:18	11:57	3:22	6:29	7:59

DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Childrens Snow	Electric Co: 436, Kdsword: Jimmy The Kid
5:37 Superman	What the Dolphin Knows
6:02 W.W. World of Animals	Patrick Haines
6:25 Celebrity Cooks	Good Eating Habits
6:50 Heartlin 'o Health	Marion Rebels
7:15 Happy Days	Simon and Delilah
7:50 The Saint	Coventry vs. Middles Boro
8:39 Soccer	Naked in the sun
9:30 Famous Films	

WEATHER

Forecast for the next 24 hours:
Hot weather during the day, but moderate at night over most of the regions. Surface winds will blow mostly in variable direction at light to moderate speed, raising light dust occasionally over the interior regions. There are chances of scattered thundershowers over the western and southwestern highlands.
Sea conditions will be calm to moderate in the territorial waters.

Saturday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	37	23	Tabuk	37	19
Jeddah	36	23	Al-Jauf	34	18
Riyadh	40	27	Turaif	35	18
Dhahran	37	22	Badana	36	19
Medina	39	25	Bisha	32	20
Taif	31	18	Abha	26	13

SAUDI RADIO

Afternoon Transmission	10:00 The Holy Quran
2:00 Opening	10:05 Message to the Faithful
2:01 The Holy Quran	10:10 Light Music
2:05 Gems of Guidance	10:15 NEWS
2:10 S.A. — Historical Notes	10:20 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle
2:20 On Islam	10:30 Melody Makers
2:30 Hits in Germany	11:00 Youth Welfare
3:00 NEWS	11:10 Music
3:10 Press Review	11:15 Hot Rock
3:15 Music	11:45 The Golden Age
3:20 Islamic Activities	12:00 Imp. Com & Recollections
3:30 Leaps and Bounds	12:10 Music
3:40 Music	12:15 Moud Music
3:50 Close Down	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
Evening Transmission	1:00 Close Down
10:00 Opening	

VOA

P.M.	10:05 Opinion: Analyses
8:00 News Roundup	10:30 VOC Magazine: American; Science; Cultural; Letter
8:30 News Roundup: Reports: Actualities: Opinion: Analyses	11:00 Special English: News
9:00 Dateline	11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
9:00 News Summary	VOA WORLD REPORT
9:00 Special English: News: Feature: The Making of a Nation	Midnight
9:30 Music USA: (Standards)	12:00 News Newsmakers' voices correspondents reports background features media comments news analyses.
10:00 News Roundup: Reports: Actualities	

BBC

Morning Transmission	4:30 The Pleasure's Yours
8:00 World News	5:15 Report on Religion
8:09 *Twenty-Four Hours	6:00 Radio Newsreel
8:30 News Summary	6:15 *Outlook
8:30 *Sarah Ward	7:00 World News
8:45 World Today	7:09 Commentary
9:00 Newsdesk	7:15 *Sherlock Holmes
9:30 *Opera Star	7:45 World Today
10:00 World News	8:00 World News
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours	8:09 *Books and Writers
10:30 *Sarah Ward	8:30 *Take One
10:45 *Something to Show You	8:45 Sports Round-up
11:00 World News	9:00 World News
11:09 FReflections	9:09 News about Britain
11:15 Piano Style	9:15 Radio Newsreel
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978	9:30 Farming World
12:00 World News	10:00 Outlook News Summary
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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SUNDAY, MAY 13, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) — Uncertainty about a travel or school plan leads to much discussion with others, but it may be much ado about nothing by day's end.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) — Be wary of financial planning now. You could easily be duped or make a mistake in judgment. Trust intuition, though, in the late p.m.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) — Seeking the advice of too many people could add to your confusion. Wait for another time before reaching a conclusion about partnerships.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) — If things go wrong now, it could be that you're physically under par. Set a time limit when it comes to helping a friend with a project.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) — If you have to try that hard to have fun maybe it's not worth the effort. In any case, it's up and down time re pleasures.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) — Don't waste too much time looking for misplaced items or rearranging your files. One confusion seems to lead to another.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) — Misunderstandings are likely. Chances are it will take more than one phone call to arrange meetings or to straighten out mistakes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) — When shopping beware of faulty items, mistakes in change, and the like. A lot of small things seem difficult to handle right now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) — Do-it-yourselfers, beware of errors in judgment. Despite your efforts to make a good impression, you may feel that you haven't. Cool it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) — You may want to spend some time by yourself working on a creative project, though interruptions could cause your mind to wander.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) — Though there is much social activity, your feelings are likely to run the gamut of emotions, from bored to entertained to bored again.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) — Working on a career project turns into an all-day affair. You have many iron in the fire, but perhaps no definite results.

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SALT signing won't be only item at summit

WASHINGTON, May 12 (R) — The Soviet-U.S. summit talks planned for Vienna next month will have broad significance above and beyond a ceremonial signing of the new strategic arms limitation treaty, salt II.

All seven of the previous summit meetings have sought, but have failed to establish, an enduring and realistic base for expanded cooperation and consultation.

Aides say that President Jimmy Carter, in his first meeting with Soviet Leader Leonid Brezhnev, will not be aiming that high. But he nonetheless hopes that this meeting will be a start towards forging increased mutual confidence between two superpowers.

Unlike previous summits, next month's meeting promises few surprises or spectacles. Even the June 15 date is tentative, according to the Soviet announcement of the talks — apparently reflecting concern that Brezhnev's health could force a postponement.

But U.S. officials hope that the signing of Salt II — the most far-reaching arms control pact ever drafted — will itself provide a basis for broad cooperation in a wider field.

Since the earlier summit conferences, between 1959 and 1974, U.S.-Soviet relations have been marked by growing distrust and U.S. officials think the blame for this lies on both sides.

One area for continuing policy dispute is the Middle East. Moscow's decision, during the 1973 Middle East war, to undertake a major arms supply of Egypt and Syria was viewed here as the first breach of the code of détente agreed at the first Nixon-Brezhnev summit in May 1972.

That was the date from which U.S. planners say détente began to erode, and it led to an American solo effort to bring about peace in the Middle East.

The Soviet Union, has had reason more recently to question U.S. motives. After months of consultation and Washington

efforts to involve the Kremlin in the Middle East peace process, the two countries issued a joint statement on October 1, 1977 outlining steps and principles towards reconvening the Geneva peace conference.

But less than two months later, the U.S. scuttled the plan when Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's trip to Israel opened the way to direct Israeli-Egyptian negotiations.

Senior U.S. officials say that abandonment of the October 1 statement raised Soviet concern about how seriously Carter wanted cooperation and this probably slowed the Salt-II negotiations, thought to be nearing completion at this time.

The Middle East was only one area of concern in the 1970's. Congressional action which undermined former President Richard Nixon's plan to open trade with Moscow embittered the Soviet side in late 1974.

The following year it was Soviet and Cuban military support for the Marxist faction in Angola that upset Washington.

The Soviet side, believing that the tide was running against the West in the developing world, has not allowed such actions as the U.S. role in the Vietnam war to damage relations.

U.S. domestic critics of Salt want something done to halt the Soviet and Cuban build-up in such places as Ethiopia, Afghanistan and South Yemen.

Although regional conflict will be a major topic at the summit, the best that can be expected will be an agreement to consult more frequently, officials say.

Strategic and other arms relations will be the main topic. A third will be bilateral exchanges and relations.

One question being pondered in Washington is whether the Soviet Union will show restraint in its Third World involvements while the Senate debates ratification of the Salt II treaty.



SAN SALVADOR. A poster in front of the occupied Metropolitan Cathedral shows three revolutionary leaders the rebels demand be freed. One of the men, Facundo Guardado, was released Saturday, but the siege continued.

EL Salvador guerrillas seize Venezuelan Embassy, hold 8

SAN SALVADOR, May 12 (R) — Leftist militants carrying flowers walked into the Venezuelan Embassy and seized eight hostages to press demands for the release of their jailed leaders.

Eyewitnesses said members of the anti-government Popular Revolutionary Bloc (BPR) carried bunches of flowers Friday night as they took over the embassy.

The militants' hostages included Venezuelan Ambassador Santiago Ochoa and Military Attaché Col. Witermundo Hernandez.

Security forces said at least five militants had been killed in several other incidents Friday but there were no casualties when the Venezuelan Embassy was seized.

The Venezuelan mission was the third embassy to be occupied by Bloc members, following the takeover of the French and Costa

Rican embassies nine days ago.

Bloc members are also occupying the Roman Catholic cathedral in the center of the city, scene of one of the fiercest clashes between security forces and rebels Tuesday when at least 19 people were killed and 40 injured.

The takeover of the Venezuelan Embassy dashed hopes of an early end to the crisis despite the release of two of the Bloc's five jailed leaders.

BPR Secretary General Facundo said on his release Friday he thought a favorable solution to the crisis could be reached provided the government freed the remaining three prisoners.

But after the Venezuelan Embassy was seized, the Bloc issued a new demand, the repatriation from Costa Rica of three rebels who sought political asylum there.

Arsenal, in final blaze of glory, captures Cup from Manchester

LONDON, May 12 (R) — In the most stunning finish to an English Football Association (FA) Cup Final in years, Arsenal, with a goal one minute from time, triumphed 3-2 over Manchester United at Wembley here Saturday.

Arsenal, last year's beaten finalist, appeared to be cruising to a comfortable 2-0 win with only three minutes left. But suddenly United, seemingly a spent force, unleashed a blistering counter attack that sent their previously subdued fans wild with delight.

Towering center half Gordon McQueen strode into the penalty area to sidefoot home in the 87th minute and 60 seconds later Irish international Sammy McIlroy wriggled through Arsenal's towering defense and his blocked shot rolled tantalizingly past goalkeeper Pat Jennings for a sensational equalizer.

Manchester United Fans, hardly able to believe their eyes checked their watches and prepared for another onslaught in extra time — but the excitement was far from over.

Liam Brady, creator of Arsenal's two first half goals for Brian Talbot and Frank Stapleton, again found space and floated across a wickedly curling crosser for Alan Sunderland to slot home.

Brady, who limped off in last year's final following an indifferent display, was at his brilliant best in the first half, twice catching United's jittery defense cold. In the 12th minute he drifted across the pitch before slipping a superb ball, knocked home by Talbot.

It was a moment of magic for Talbot who last season was a member of the Ipswich team that beat Arsenal in the final.

He is the first player ever to win two winning medals in successive years for different teams.

Manchester threw everything

into attack in the second half, but Arsenal held them until four minutes from the end. Then came the story-book ending.

Gordon McQueen turned a pass from Joe Jordac into the net to cut Arsenal's lead to 2-1.

One minute later McIlroy wove past two Arsenal defenders to shoot the ball past Pat Jennings, and it was 2-2 with three minutes left. The game appeared certain to go into extra time.

But suddenly Brady went jinking away down the center of the

field and Manchester's defense was caught napping. The Irishman sent a nice pass to Graham Rix of the left wing. Rix sent it to the far side of the goal where Sunderland gave it a first-time shot into the net.

A crowd of nearly 100,000 watched one of the most thrilling finishes ever seen in a match at the famous stadium as Brady's misfired in midfield put Arsenal on top at the start of the game and again at the very end, when Manchester appeared to have saved it.

Ligiers take pole, inside for today's Belgian GP

ZOLDER, Belgium, May 12 (AP) — France's Jacques Laffite and Patrick Depailler Saturday won the first row of the grid for Sunday's Belgian Grand Prix in their Ligier-Fords.

Repeating their performance of two weeks ago in Spain, the two Ligiers grabbed the pole and inside positions in the final 90-minute qualifying session, although Depailler spun off the track and missed the last half hour.

Laffite was timed in one minute, 21.13 seconds for an average speed of 117.44 miles per hour — 189.119 kilometers per hour — on his pole-winning lap.

Depailler was only 0.4 mph slower with a time of 1:21.20.

World champion Mario Andretti was involved in a collision with the Arrow of German Jochen Mass in the final minute of the session. The accident ripped a rear wheel off Andretti's Lotus-80 and cost the American the chance of improving on his fifth fastest time.

He and Canadian Gilles Villeneuve in a Ferrari were on the third row of the start grid behind a

surprise pair. Brazilian Nelson Piquet in a Brabham-Alfa, was third fastest and Australian Alan Jones in a new Saab-Williams was fourth fastest — both marked improvements on recent form.

The rest of the top ten were Jody Scheckter of South Africa, Ferrari; Clay Regazzoni, Switzerland; Sandia-Williams; James Hunt, Great Britain; Wolf; Carlos Reutemann, of Argentina; Lotus-79.

Barbara Hutton dies at 66

LOS ANGELES, May 12 (R) — Woolworth heiress Barbara Hutton, who married seven times in her search for happiness, died at the age of 66 of natural causes.

Miss Hutton was pronounced dead on arrival at the Cedars-Sinai hospital, Thursday night, hospital spokesman said Friday.

She was the grand daughter of F.W. Woolworth, who founded the international chain of stores.

Langi, Acholi tribal areas

Tanzanian troops march on north Uganda

DOKOLO, Uganda May 12 (AP) — Tanzanian and Ugandan government forces Saturday were pursuing the final offensive against old regime loyalists in northern Uganda, amid reports of massacres of Christian civilians by soldiers of deposed President Idi Amin.

The Tanzanian and Ugandan assault forces entered the Langi and Acholi tribal areas of northern Uganda earlier in the week

and were heading towards Lira, one of three district capitals still under control of Amin troops.

The Langi and Acholi tribal areas bore the brunt of Amin's wrath in the past. It is the home of former President Milton Obote, deposed by Amin in 1971, and its people suffered recurring tribal purges by Amin's killer squads.

"All of our men have been killed," a young woman said in the village of Kalaima. "There are only women, old men and young

boys left."

She told a Tanzanian soldier that now that the village had been liberated, its people no longer had anything to fear.

Lira, together with the district capitals of Gulu and Arua, Amin's hometown in the West Nile district, are still under control of Amin loyalists, whose combined forces are estimated from 3,000 to 10,000 men.

Pro-Amin forces destroyed three small bridges on the

approach to Dokolo to slow the Tanzanian-Ugandan advance, but Tanzanian army engineers and local inhabitants repaired the structures Friday morning.

Dokolo, about 55 kilometers southeast of Lira, was captured without resistance Friday. Many of the civilians here fled into the bush when they first saw the approaching vehicles but later returned when the Tanzanians identified themselves.

Five pro-Amin soldiers, one armored personnel carrier and other vehicles were turned over to Tanzanian and Ugandan government forces Friday at the village of Apach, 14 kilometers northwest of here, by local inhabitants who had formed an anti-Amin army composed of ex-soldiers.

Michael Okala, 33, a former warrant officer who left the Ugandan army in 1977, said the local militia had driven out pro-Amin troops recently, killing about 100 of them.

Tanzanian military officials said Apach will not be occupied by their advancing force. The village will be left in control of the local militia, they said, while the prisoners will be taken to Kampala.

About 100 pro-Amin soldiers have surrendered during the Tanzanian advance on Lira. Some said they had been hiding out in the bush, awaiting the arrival of Tanzanian troops, in the hope of surrendering.

Search party battles high seas after U.S. offshore rig buckles

GALVESTON, Texas May 12 (AP) — Divers entered a mostly submerged oil drilling platform in the Gulf of Mexico on Friday to search for eight men believed trapped when the rig toppled over on a collapsed support leg.

Coast Guard and private vessels plucked 26 men from the dark sea 12 miles off the Galveston coast. Four required hospitalization, including one with an arm sheared off and others with burns.

Divers had waited for the go-ahead from officials worried that the platform, about three-fourths of which was submerged, could sink further and endanger

would-be rescuers.

They temporarily withdrew from the water later late Friday afternoon when it became apparent that they would need more air hoses to allow them to let into the wreckage, said Tommy Clements, Coast Guard operations duty officer.

But Coast Guard officials said diving operations would resume and continue into the night despite the steady rain and heavy seas that have hampered the rescue effort.

Another Coast Guard spokesman said 700 barrels of diesel fuel were on the platform. He said the oil was leaking, affecting diving

operations but not posing any serious threat of fire.

There were 34 men aboard the rig, which was being prepared for drilling when one leg of its tripod stand gave way late Thursday, tilting the platform at a 45-degree angle.

Coast Guard Lt. Gabriel Kinney, Operations officer for the Galveston base, said there were reports some of the men may have been welding on the platform and were electrocuted.

The rig is owned by the Atlantic Pacific Marine Corp. and leased by Mitchell Energy and Development Corp.



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